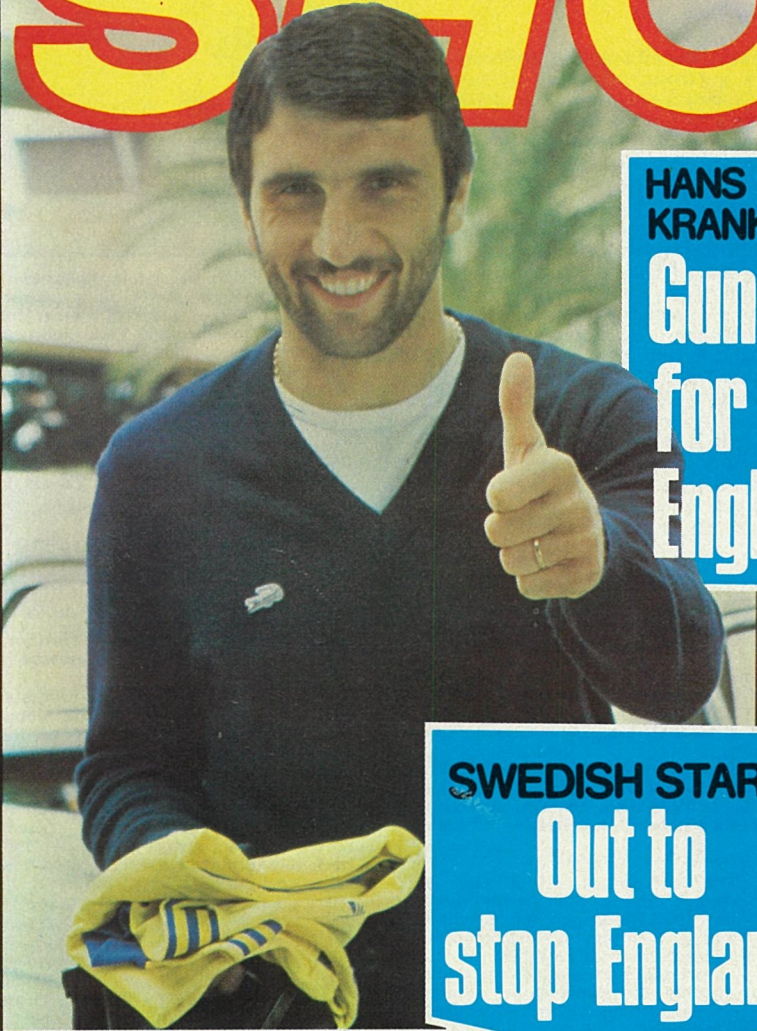


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JACKIE CHARLTON — A SUMMER SOCCER FAN



FORMER Leeds United and England star Jack Charlton is a strong advocate of summer soccer. Big Jack believes a switch would lead to improved skills and better entertainment.

The Sheffield Wednesday manager says: "There is no reason why we should have to play in winter. Football is classed as a traditional winter sport. Yet it is very difficult to improve the technical skills of players when it is raining, freezing, and uncomfortable. Ground conditions can vary from frosty to thick mud.

"We are expected to produce in this country an all-round type of player. Our game will never improve under those conditions.

"The last thing I want is to interfere with the cricket season. That is why I would favour football on Friday or Saturday nights. Football is a professional sport. It survives because of spectators. Yet it is becoming harder and harder to attract fans in a bad winter.

"It is better to train and play on grass and with the right ground conditions, I will produce a better player. So it is summer football for me."

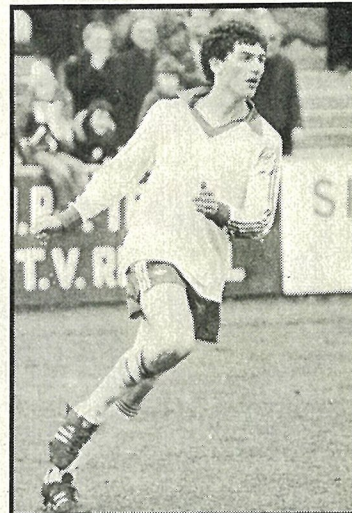
MUCH-TRAVELLED FAN

IS THERE a more travelled soccer supporter in the country than Alf Boyd, of Cheam, Surrey.

Alf has visited 91 of the 92 League club grounds. He considers himself a "neutral" fan, simply in love with the game.

The only ground he hasn't visited is Springfield Park, home of last season's League newcomers Wigan Athletic.

But Alf is hoping to travel there sometime next term so that he can become a member of the exclusive "92 Club".



CONTRARY to speculation, Portadown's excellent midfielder player Jimmy Cleary (above), has re-signed for another full season with the Shamrock Park Club.

Cleary, who has had six successful seasons with Portadown, has been promised a benefit game, which proved decisive in influencing him to re-sign.

And it is bad news for the top cross-Channel clubs such as Everton, Burnley, Blackpool and Celtic who have hovered on the brink of signing the 22-year-old in recent months.

Ulster's Players of the Year

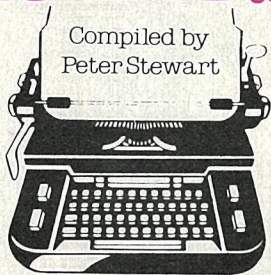
DEFENDERS won all three top Northern Ireland "Player of the Year" awards in 1978-79.

Consistent Glentoran back-four star Roy Walsh picked up the long-established Ulster Footballer of the Year honour, presented by the Castlereagh Glentoran Supporters' Club since 1951; talented Glenavon central defender Ray McGuigan earned the Northern Ireland Football Writers' accolade, while stylish Portadown full-back Jim Smyth was nominated Ulster's top Young Player of the Year.

A LONDON branch of the Blackburn Rovers Supporters Club has been formed. Anyone in the South wishing to join can get details from Mr Allan Fell, 2 Parsons Mead, West Croydon, CR0 3SL. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

NEWS

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DESK

LIVERPOOL, keen on strengthening their squad even further, made a firm bid of £150,000 for Dundee United's highly-promising 20-year-old striker Davie Dodds. But Tannadice boss Jim McLean, still smarting from the reaction of fans for allowing Andy Gray to join Aston Villa for a similar fee a few years ago, rejected it.

TIM Jordan, an 18-year-old forward with Oldham, should certainly know what it is all about to get up for a ball.

As a schoolboy he won England honours at Under-15 and 17 for basketball.

And he knows what it is to win at soccer, too. He was in a successful Pontins six-a-side competition at Wembley.

WHAT other minor club of similar standing to Bishop Auckland has produced three First Division club managers? Bob Paisley (Liverpool) and John Barnwell (Wolves) are playing products of the "Bishops", who used to be coached by Southampton's Lawrie McMenemy.

Neill Clan Tops!

THE 1978-79 term was certainly a campaign to remember for the managerial Neill clan.

Arsenal supremo Terry Neill, the one-time Northern Ireland player-manager-captain, became the first-ever Ulsterman to boss an F.A. Cup-winning team when he led The Gunners to victory in the thrilling May 12 Wembley decider v. Manchester United.

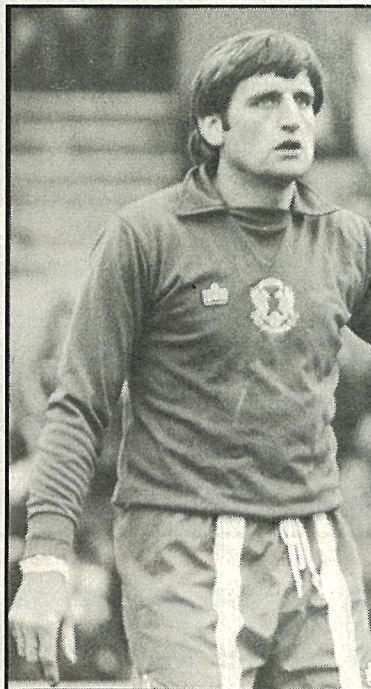
Meanwhile, back across the Irish Sea, another Neill, Portadown boss Bertie, inspiration behind Ports' Hennessy Gold Cup triumph and near-miss Irish Cup Final appearance, v. winners Cliftonville, was being hailed Northern Ireland's "Manager of the Year".

MARK Proctor, the 18-year-old Middlesbrough midfielder player, has certainly not let the grass grow under his feet.

The local youngster, who made his League debut against Birmingham in August last year, has already been noted for his leadership of the England Youth side. He had previously played for Middlesbrough Boys and Cleveland County.

Last season he scored some mighty important goals as Boro pulled themselves away from the First Division relegation zone. His first League goal came in the 7-2 hammering of Chelsea last December.

THE fortunes of a footballer can change dramatically. At the end of the 1977-78 season Ian Crumplin was a Wembley matchwinner for Tyneside team Blue Vase. Hartlepool persuaded the striker to take the professional plunge. now they have given him a "free" transfer.



JACKO'S GOING ON

JOHN Jackson has just completed five seasons as an ever-present for Orient, but the 35-year-old goalkeeper has no intention of retiring. He's playing as well as ever and The O's manager, Jimmy Bloomfield, rates Jacko

"as good as any goalie in the Second Division, and I include Phil Parkes."

There's no secret

to Jackson's record of 530 League games for Crystal Palace and Orient. He says: "I simply love football. It's not a chore and my enthusiasm is exactly the same as it was when I was younger."

"I help out on the coaching side now and I find dealing with kids very rewarding."

A pointer to the future, perhaps, but it looks as if Jacko has no intentions of retiring.

Smiths Food Six-a-Side Final

THE English Schools' Football Association's national six-a-side Championship reaches its climax when the Final is played at Wembley on Saturday (June 9th).

Four Regional winners will compete for a silver trophy given by Smiths Food Group, the sponsors.

It is the culmination of a competition which started last September when more than 2,000 primary schools from all over the country entered.

The Semi-Finals and Final will be played before the England-West Germany schoolboys international at Wembley.

Alan Child, Chairman of the ESFA, confidently anticipates that the entry for next season's competition will be doubled.

"Many schools were prevented from participating in this season's Championship because of commitments, but they all want to come in next season."

"It has been a tremendous success. We reckon we cater for half a million boys and many of them are playing in this competition."

"But the aim of the ESFA remains to encourage the mental, moral and physical development of boys through the medium of football."

"We don't exist for Cups and caps, although a competition of this kind is extremely worthwhile."

Carnival at Chelsea

CHELSEA are holding a carnival in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children at Stamford Bridge, on Saturday July 14 (11.0 a.m.-1.0 a.m.).

The carnival will include a fair, disco, beauty contest, Capital radio bus with DJs, shopping arcade, champagne bar, beer tent, food, casino and two bands.

Tickets are available from the Chelsea ticket office, Stamford Bridge, Fulham Road, London SW6. Adults £2, children under 10 at £1, infants free. After 7.0 p.m., adults £5, children under 10 at £1.

CUT PRICE TICKETS

A CUT-price season tickets offer is proving a hit with Hamilton Academical supporters. Since making their offer the demand at Douglas Park for stand, enclosure and ground tickets has been keen. The "early money" is being earmarked to provide cover for 6,000 supporters in time for next season.

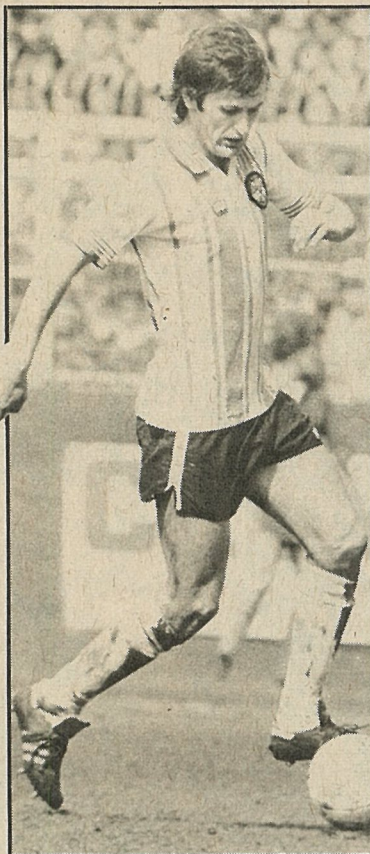
Leeds wanted Daniel

WOLVERHAMPTON's midfield player Peter Daniel and not John Hawley might have joined Leeds United in 1978-79.

Leeds' assistant-manager Maurice Lindley confirms that the Elland Road club were interested in signing Daniel but swung their attention to the former Hull striker.

"I think Hull were surprised when we suddenly turned round and asked about Hawley instead of Daniel. We were originally looking for a defender, but we were not too well off for strikers," says Lindley.

"I have always looked upon Hawley as a progressive player. I was impressed by the way he continually battled and fought hard. He looked to have potential that could be developed and to a large degree, he improved last season playing with top class players."



PAUL Stevens, 19-year-old Bristol City full-back, has always been a great Alan Ball fan.

"I always enjoy watching him," says Bristol-born Paul. "I think he has a lot of skill and I also like his 100 per cent."

Stevens, who made his League debut at Middlesbrough in April last year, has played in a final rugby trial for England.

GOLAC SURPRISE

SOUTHAMPTON'S star Polish full-back Ivan Golac (left) has surprised manager Lawrie McMenemy with his knowledge of British football clubs.

Says Lawrie: "When he first arrived, I thought he would obviously have some trouble getting to know about our game, but I was so wrong."

"Apart from settling in well with our lads, his knowledge of our game was a shock. He knows the names of most of the grounds our clubs play at — and can even reel-off the names of most teams' colours."

REFEREEES Keith Styles of Barnsley, Clive White of Middlesex, Glasgow's Davie Syme and Abraham Klein of Israel are the four European officials appointed to handle games in the booming North American Soccer League this summer.

It will be a profitable three months for them, too. They will be paid £75 a game — and could officiate as many as three or four games a week — plus all hotel and travelling expenses.

Amateurs — extinct

STAR amateurs used to be plentiful in top-level soccer, but not any more. They're just about an extinct species. Here's striking evidence of it: No amateur has played for England in a full British Championship international for over 52 years! The last to do so? He was A. G. Bower, of the Corinthians, who captained England at right-back against Wales in February, 1929.

PENN MINORS CHASING SECOND BOYS WORLD CUP WIN

A TEAM of young footballers, all under 18 and based in Penn, near High Wycombe, Bucks, has been invited by the Swedish Football Association to represent Britain in the Boys World Cup, which is being held from July 13th to July 20th in Gothenburg.

The competition is no stranger to Penn Minors F.C. who have competed for Britain for the last three years — and won the Cup in 1977.

This year, Penn Minors are to play alongside 288 teams from 38 countries world wide. Manager Frank Durham, himself an ex pro footballer and Grade One coach and referee, reckons his '79 squad is the strongest yet and is confident his team will win the Boys World Cup for the second time in three years.

Unlike many teams from other countries, Penn Minors F.C. enjoys no financial backing from any independent source and local Alfa Romeo dealers Penn Motors Ltd have offered to use their own money in an effort to raise the £3,000 the lads need to take them to Sweden for a week.



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England team

I know England once played in Malta in a European Championship tie, and would like to know their team?

JONATHAN PACE,
MALTA.

● That match, Jonathan, was a 1-0 win for England in Valetta on 3rd February, 1971 — Martin Peters scoring the goal.

This was the full team — Banks (Stoke), Reaney (Leeds), McFarland (Derby), Hunter (Leeds), Hughes (Liverpool), Mullery (Spurs), Ball (Everton), Peters (Spurs), Harvey (Everton), Chivers (Spurs), Royle (Everton).

Wilkins debut

When, and against whom, did Ray Wilkins make his League debut for Chelsea?

LEE RICHARDS,
BUCKINGHAM.

● It was, as substitute, in the 3-0 home defeat of Norwich on 26th October, 1973, Lee.

His first full League game was in Chelsea's 2-1 win at Tottenham the following 3rd April.

Bournemouth/ Liverpool

I've got a programme for a Third Round F.A. Cup tie between Bournemouth and Liverpool on 27th January, 1968. Could you tell me who won?

MATTHEW GILLET,
BRISTOL.

● No one, Matthew — or, at least, not that day.

Liverpool were held to a shock 0-0 draw — though they made no mistake by 4-1 in the replay at Anfield.

SHORT PASSES

● Gillingham were elected to the Football League in 1920; lost their place in 1938; and were re-elected to the League in 1950.

(OLIVER HARTLEY, Chichester)

● Alan Taylor scored both goals in West Ham's 2-0 win against Fulham in the 1975 F.A. Cup Final.

(ALAN GAMBLE, Peterborough)

● The furthest that Torquay have reached in the F.A. Cup is the Fourth Round — in 1948-49, 1954-55, and 1970-71.

(JESPER SKYUM-SORENSEN,
Denmark)

ENGLAND'S TWO TOUR FRIENDLIES:

v. SWEDEN June 10th
v. AUSTRIA June 13th

'Another chance to develop our tactics' says Steve Coppel

CLOSE-SEASON tours for international and club sides mean that the summer break for footballers becomes shorter and shorter, but Manchester United's Steve Coppel isn't daunted by England's forthcoming friendlies against Austria and Sweden, following a European Championship match with Bulgaria.

"Going on tour gives the England players a great chance to get to know each other," explains Steve. "By practically living in each others pockets for a spell it means we can talk together, and develop team spirit. And I've never really given any thought as to whether it will be strenuous or not."

"I know very little about Austria or Sweden, but the games against them mean we have an extra opportunity to further develop the tactics we used against Bulgaria at the start of the tour."

"England are out to prove we are a force to be reckoned with in international competition, and build up a good team for the World Cup in 1982, especially after previously failing to qualify for it."

Following the end of the soccer season in England, Coppel is philosophical about Manchester

United's defeat in the F.A. Cup Final against Arsenal.

"It was great to get to Wembley, and also a disappointment to lose there. Last season was a stop-go, stuttering sort of eight months in which I believe our best performance was beating Liverpool in the Semi-Final."

"Mention of Liverpool reminds me that after a strenuous season they had to field several players against Northern Ireland in England's first match in the British Championship — in fact, Liverpool had played on the Thursday night before the game with Northern Ireland, and in view of this it was a good result for England to win as they did."

"The match went as we hoped it would, with our early goals allowing England to relax a little and taking the pressure off us in the second-half."

Later this summer, Steve will be taking some personal relaxation when he travels to America for what he terms a "working holiday."

"I'll be seeing some of the beautiful scenery around Portland, Oregon, and also be looking in on one or two factories in the United



England's Steve Coppel (right) outjumps Sammy Nelson of Northern Ireland.

States — so a certain amount of business will be combined with my sight-seeing.

"I'll enjoy going through New England, and the whole trip is something I'm looking forward to very much."

But however much he relaxes in

the part of the summer left to him after his England tour, there is no danger of Coppel ever being less than 100 per cent fit.

"I'll watch my diet, and see to it that when I report back to Old Trafford for pre-season training I don't have to slog away too much to get into shape."

'Golden Boy' could be back for the Swedes

THE Swedish F.A. is marking its 75th anniversary with this jubilee international against England and a capacity crowd is expected.

However, right now the Swedish national team is going through a period of transition and rebuilding. With almost no chances left in the European Championship manager George Ericson will use his last season in office to experiment and look forward towards the next World Cup in 1982.

There will be a few familiar faces missing from the line-up against England. Bjorn Nordqvist of 115 full caps is now playing for Minnesota Kicks. Goalscorer Thomas Sjöberg (12 goals in 34 internationals) has spent the winter in Saudi Arabia and is now playing for Chicago Sting. Due to Swedish tax-regulations he won't return here until late Autumn.

Bo Larsson (70 caps) is injured and has retired from the national team. Regular centre-half Roy Andersson is also badly injured and top-international 'keeper Ronnie Hellström won't play against England

since it's only a friendly and his team Kaiserslautern are touring the USA.

Back in reckoning could, however, come former "Golden-Boy" of Swedish soccer Ralf Edström (right). Having at last shaken off a long line of injuries Ralf, who now is playing in midfield, has regained his appetite and when on form he is still the best Swedish player (Hellström, maybe, excepted).

Barring injuries, Sweden will call on three professionals for the England game. They will be the adventurous full-back Hasse Borg from Eintracht Braunschweig, midfielder Anders Linderoth from Marseille, and last season's second top scorer in the League Billy Ohlsson (then Hammarby — now Armina Bielefeld).

In goal will be Jan Möller (Malmö FF) tall and agile, but inexperienced. Keep a special lookout for the young left-back Ingemar Erlandsson. He was the find of last season and will certainly be one of the great Swedish players.

In midfield Sweden have two promising youngsters in Oster players Mats



Nordgren and Peter Nilsson, but there seems also to be a place for Conny Torstensson of Bayern Munich fame, but now back with Atvidaberg.

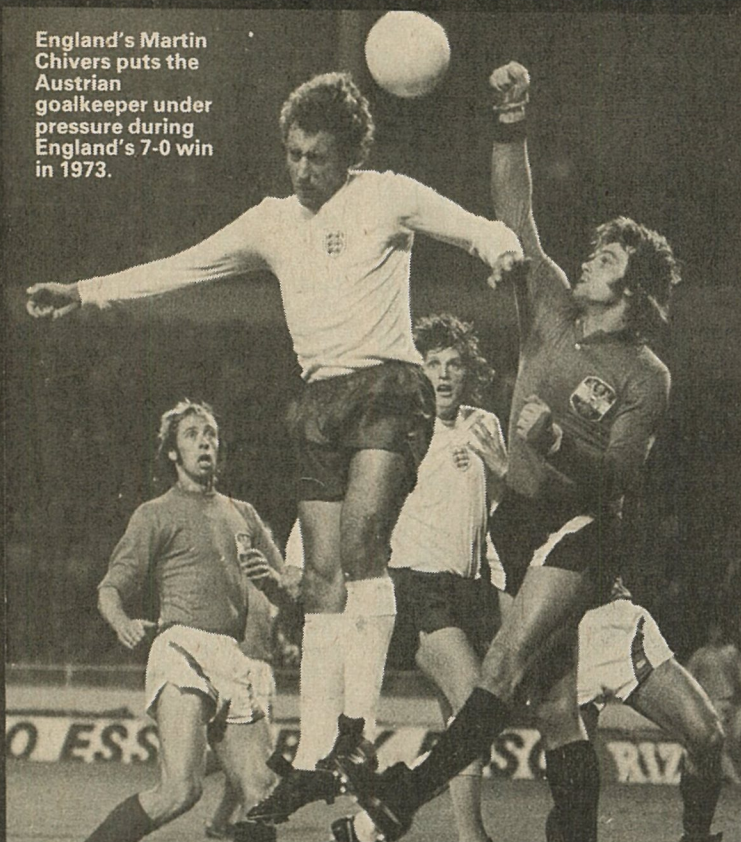
Up-front the Djurgården pair Tommy Berggren (top scorer last season with 19 goals) and Anders Grönhagen will compete for places with Ohlsson and Malmö striker Tore Cervin, who had a good game against Denmark.

Berggren is a very good target man with above average technique. Grönhagen is an old-fashioned ball-playing inside-forward while Cervin relies on his speed and inventiveness to beat opposing defences.

Sweden's matches since the World Cup

- Finland (h) 2-1, T. Nilsson, o.g.
- Denmark (a) 1-2, Berggren.
- France EC (a) 2-2, Nordgren, Grönhagen.
- Czechoslovakia EC (h) 1-3, Borg (pen).
- USSR (a) 0-2.
- Denmark (a) 2-2, Erlandsson, B. Ohlsson.

England's Martin Chivers puts the Austrian goalkeeper under pressure during England's 7-0 win in 1973.



AUSTRIAN ACE HANS KRANKL VOWS REVENGE

THE SHOOT photographer was showing Hans Krankl a sheaf of photographs — seven, to be precise. Photographs of the seven goals England put past Austria at Wembley when the two nations last met in September, 1973. The Barcelona striker called over an Austrian friend to show him the shots, recalling names and incidents from the game. Austrian and English names were equally familiar to him as he picked out Mike Channon, Allan Clarke, Martin Chivers and company knocking in goal after goal.

"What I'd like, Hans," began the photographer, "is for you to hold these photographs like this . . ."

"No."

"Don't worry, it's nothing complicated. What I want to try and get across in the picture is Hans Krankl saying there's no way England are going to score seven goals this time!"

"No."

"What's the problem? Why don't you like the idea? Surely you don't think England will score seven against you?"

"No, but there's no way I'm going to be photographed with pictures of those seven goals, and that's final."

SHOOT: Are your memories of the game that bad, Hans?

KRANKL: To be honest, yes. I was playing that day. I hardly got a touch of the ball and we were humiliated. It's the worst defeat I've ever suffered either in the national team or with a club side. SHOOT: But you've often dished out some hidings, Hans. You scored seven in that 9-0 win against Malta — and you have to take the rough with the smooth after all.

KRANKL: You're right, I suppose, but not many of the Maltese players would like to be reminded about that match either!

SHOOT: Why did England win so convincingly?

KRANKL: The normal reply for an interview would be that we played very, very badly, but I honestly don't think we did. It was just that England played superbly that night. They really played well indeed and I don't think many teams could have lived with them. SHOOT: So, what about this "return" match. Are you out for revenge?

KRANKL: (with, at last, a smile) Yes. I'd like to square the account.

SHOOT: On the other hand, it's only a friendly. Do you think the Austrian players will be sufficiently motivated to produce their top form?

KRANKL: Yes, I do. First, because playing against England is always a special occasion, and second because we'll be determined to get revenge.

SHOOT: Austria haven't had a really convincing campaign so far in the European Championship. Do you think the team has lost ground since the World Cup?

KRANKL: No, I don't think so. We were pleased with our performance in the World Cup, but it takes a lot out of the players. This season the players are feeling the after-effects, and if you look at the different groups in the European Championship you'll see that perhaps only Holland and Spain among the World Cup Finalists are doing well, while teams like France, Scotland, Sweden, West Germany and Poland are struggling. In our case, the result that was bad for us was the home defeat by Portugal, which was a blow. Yet we haven't been doing too badly.

SHOOT: Apart from yourself, which players will England have to watch?

KRANKL: That's difficult for me to say, because I don't know what the team will be. Our goalkeeper Koncilia is very good. Then players like Pezzey and Prohaska are excellent at the back and in midfield.



The right-winger Schachner is also worth watching. He's now 22 and has a good future, I'm sure.

SHOOT: On the other hand, several of the team, like Sara, Hattenberger, Hickersberger and Kreuz are now over 30 . . .

KRANKL: You're right there. If Austria are to confirm their position in European football, we must start to blend younger players into the team, but this is a job strictly for the manager Karl Stotz to decide, and I can't give you any names. Anyway, I've been in Barcelona for a year now, and of course that means I'm out of touch with players' form in the Austrian League.

SHOOT: What about the England team? They've been having some good results recently.

KRANKL: Yes. I've told you before that I'm a great admirer of English football, particularly Manchester United. It's a pity there aren't more of their players in the international team. To be honest, I haven't seen much of England recently because they weren't in the World Cup. But obviously Kevin Keegan is the number one. He'd be an asset to

any team. I think their goalkeepers are always very good, also.

SHOOT: Does that mean you're pessimistic about beating them?

KRANKL: No! I think Austria will win! And I want to score.

SHOOT: What about the other players? Do you fear people like Trevor Brooking, Peter Barnes . . . ?

KRANKL: No, we don't fear them. I must be honest and say I haven't seen them play, except for the usual highlights on TV. The thing about the England team is that it doesn't matter too much exactly who plays — the style is the important thing, and we know we will have an attractive and interesting game against England. There are a lot of good players in English football.

SHOOT: Now, what about these photographs, Hans?

KRANKL: Oh no.

SHOOT: Well, if you don't like the photos, just tell us how many goals you're going to score against England. If you fancy a hat-trick, lift three fingers!

KRANKL: No, I won't ever do that. No . . . No . . . No . . .

THERE is not so much talent coming into football as when I broke into the Liverpool first team at the end of the Sixties! Then there were so many bright youngsters thrusting to replace established stars, it was rare to find anyone playing regularly in the First Division above the age of 30.

Nowadays there is a fair representation of players who've passed the 30 mark. Chelsea's Peter Bonetti has just retired at the ripe old age of 37, while Norwich's Kevin Keelan, the same age, is due to return from a summer stint in the United States for another season at Carrow Road.

Admittedly, both are 'keepers, who tend to have a longer career span than outfielders, but I can't recall men in our position of that vintage appearing between the sticks in the Sixties. "Upstarts" like me had given them the elbow!

The reason for the shortage of young players with the touch of class that stamps them as future stars on the world scene? I believe it has something to do with England's failure to qualify for the last two World Cups, in 1974 and 1978.

An environment dominated by people of true international stature tends to stimulate others, to encourage them to strive to emulate the achievements of those they admire. England, languishing at the bottom end of the "international League", failed to set an inspiring example to schoolboys. Consequently many came into the game lacking the proper degree of dedication.

But the situation has improved for us since Ron Greenwood took over the stewardship of England, reorganised the system, and got us winning again. Now it's every youngster's ambition to be part of the set-up.

During this past season several of them have impressed me, shown that the next "generation" are capable of taking over and helping to forge the England team into one that once again forms part of the international elite.

I've sung the praises before of Kenny Sansom of Crystal Palace, and have no hesitation in doing so again. From what I've seen of him he doesn't appear to have a weakness. His all-round ability includes doubling as a winger, racing along the touchline and crossing balls with the accuracy necessary for his strikers to get goals.

Kenny began his international career with the Under-21's, graduating to the full squad for the recent British Championships, and excelling in his debut against Wales.

Kenny is part of a young Crystal Palace side that won the Second Division Championship in great style under the guidance of manager Terry Venables, himself a former member of a Chelsea team of the Sixties that produced so much teenage talent.

Terry, also in charge of the England Under-21's, is a man who enjoyed so much success as a player, and is surely destined to achieve more as a manager at club and international level. Already he may be marked down to succeed

'I can't fault Palace's Kenny Sansom'

Ron Greenwood.

Another big test looms for him and Kenny — the First Division, the hardest school in the world with its 42 games, none of which is ever easy. Any weakness exposed by anyone involved is sure to be ruthlessly exploited by the opposition.

Providing those around Kenny don't struggle to find their feet in the First, I anticipate that he will turn out to be England's best left-back since Terry Cooper.

Another to break into the full squad for the games between Home nations was Laurie Cunningham, among the up-and-coming black players now starring in the First Division and bringing all the grace and suppleness typical of his race. He's really poetry in motion.

Life hasn't been all ups for Laurie. After making his initial impact at West Brom, he struck a bad patch



Nottingham Forest's Viv Anderson made history by becoming the first black player to win a full England cap, against Czechoslovakia in a friendly game at Wembley. Viv, already at Forest when the partnership of Brian Clough and Peter Taylor took over there, has come on in great strides under their guidance.

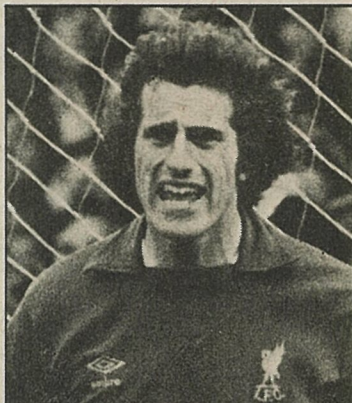
Always attack-conscious, he now knows just what to do with the ball after he's broken through an opponents' defence. At one time he was unsure of whether to shoot or to pass.

What a cracking goal he scored against AEK Athens at the City Ground, on Forest's way to the European Cup Final. Tackling back, he won the ball, surged forward and in one blurred movement shot with the outside of his foot into a top corner of the goal, giving the 'keeper no hope of saving.

Viv is pushing Phil Neal hard for the England right-back spot, but Phil is fighting off the challenge by playing the best football of his life. It's a healthy sign for England when

'England's young

RAY CLEMENCE
talking soccer



and was dropped for a period. I suspect he suffered from a problem that often besets strikers: astute, well-organised defences had worked out ways of dealing with him and he needed to come up with new ideas on how to outwit them.

From the moment he was reintroduced into the side, he began to shine again, so much so he attracted the attention of Ron Greenwood, who has preferred him to his team-mate Cyrille Regis for the full selection.

If Laurie has a fault it is that he doesn't convert enough of the goal-chances he makes for himself. He's great at getting into the right positions in front of goal, but fails often

'Everton's Billy Wright has been played out of position'

to capitalise on them.

Even so, he's a marvellous player to watch when he's on song — a real crowd-pleaser who puts "money on the gate" as boxing promoters say.

He scored a superb goal against me in our 1-1 draw at The Hawthorns last season, receiving the ball just inside our half, beating two or three of our players in a breathtaking run and coolly slotting the ball past me as I came out to narrow the angle.

Because Ray Wilkins has been around for so long, many people overlook the fact he's only in his early twenties. It's tragic Chelsea, burdened by a massive debt imposed by a multi-million pound stand, have struggled, and last season lost their status in the top bracket. This has no doubt affected his development adversely.

As I write he's on the verge of moving to a leading club, which will allow him to blossom in the company of good, experienced players.

A midfielder, he has tremendous vision, can make pinpoint passes over any distance, and is a fine volleyer of the ball from outside the penalty box.

He demonstrated this in a match against Manchester United, on a hard, frosty pitch when he hammered a twenty-yarder past Paddy Roche, who didn't have time to move a finger.



players are being pushed for their places.

Two other Forest youngsters are bidding to get their club a similar representation in the England team to that enjoyed by Liverpool: Tony Woodcock and Garry Birtles.

At one stage last season Tony was criticised in some quarters for not getting sufficient goals. Overlooked was the tremendous amount of unselfish running he did, drawing opponents out of position or distracting their attention, so that team-mates could score.

I'd like to think that I'll be around

long enough to have him playing in front of me.

Although he favours using his left foot more than his right, he's never afraid to have a go with his "weaker" peg. I was pleased to see Tony back in the team for the final stage of Forest's rewarding season.

The big revelation amongst Brian Clough's brigade has undoubtedly been Garry Birtles, who's made a storybook transition from non-League soccer to success at the top. His opening unbelievable highlight was scoring his very first senior goal against Liverpool in the first-leg of the European Cup competition, a goal that helped knock us out and so end our dream of winning the trophy for the third successive time.

He ended the term with over 20 goals, a remarkable tally for a newcomer.

Everton's Billy Wright has stood out for his club, despite being played mainly out of position due to a glut of back-four players. In the Colin Todd mould he's a fine prospect and must eventually move up into the England senior level.

blocked by Phil Neal as I launched myself into a dive. The ball spun up into the air. I grabbed it as it dropped, but failed to gain a secure hold. The ball screwed to Allan Evans for a simple put-in.

If Gordon continues to work at his game, he could well be rewarded with an England call-up.

Two other promising prospects are Terry Butcher, the tall, surprisingly skilful and constructive centre-back at Ipswich — and Steve Williams, in midfield for Southampton, who has already made Under-21 appearances.

Terry stood out in both games against Liverpool, and against Everton at Goodison Park. He's not reluctant to put his foot on the ball in a tight situation, instead of frantically booting it away, and think of a means of turning defence into attack.

Steve Williams refused to surrender after we'd gone one-nil up at The Dell, and helped to create Saints' equalising goal.

Glancing back through my selections, I'm more than ever convinced

generation'

Billy in action against Spurs. A brilliant midfield man, he has had to fall back into Everton's back-four, due to a surplus of players in his role.

that England's future lies in good hands, feet and heads.

Apart from playing against the cream of other countries, being an England player gives you the chance to visit even more places. This week we're in Sweden for the first of two friendlies lined up after the European Championship game against Bulgaria in Sofia. A few days later we play Austria in Vienna.

The last time England played Sweden was before I began collecting caps, way back in March, 1969, when we beat them 5-0.

We met Austria in September, 1973, again at Wembley, walloping them by the even greater margin of seven goals to nil.

Peter Shilton was the man with time on his hands in the England goal that night.

Both teams have improved hugely since those defeats, and outdid us by playing in the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina.

So we're really looking forward to measuring ourselves against them.

There are no real friendlies at international level now, despite the billing, for there's too much prestige at stake.

Join me again next week —

Ray Clemence

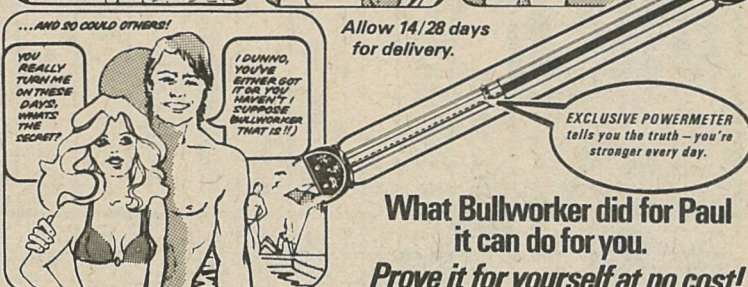
Billy is an expert kicker of dead balls, and can be devastating at free-kicks.

Although Aston Villa have surprisingly disappointed yet again, one of their players in particular has impressed me — Gordon Cowans, who operated on the right side of the midfield. Gordon played a major role in Villa's 3-1 League win over us at their place, our worst defeat in the campaign that brought us our record 11th Championship.

Gordon figured in one of their goals. He began a move, sprinted into the box, where his shot was

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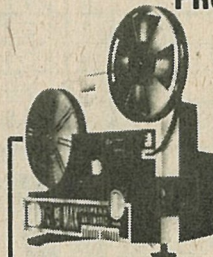
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'I PREFER PLAYING IN DEFENCE'

I'VE got to admit it ... last season was a bit of a disappointment for me saved only at the death by Rangers 3-2 defeat of Hibernian in the longest running Final in Scottish Cup history.

The previous term was just brilliant and anything must be a bit pale in comparison. Rangers won the domestic treble, I was voted Player of the Year, scored in the international matches against Wales and Northern Ireland and was included in the World Cup squad.

It's been different this time out, unfortunately. There have been three major blows ... losing the Premier Division title to Celtic, going out of the European Cup and being omitted from Jock Stein's recent Scottish pool. My two Cup Final goals compensated a little for my omission from Scotland's team for the British Championship.

We lost the Scottish Championship when we went down 4-2 to Celtic at Parkhead last month. Honestly, it's a game we should have had wrapped-up, but we allowed our old rivals to get back into the match when they should have been dead.

It really was a very disappointing performance from us. This has been a long season and while I'm not trying to find lame excuses, I would say we need a rest. Some of

the players must be feeling a bit jaded when you consider the amount of games we have gone through in recent years.

The best of luck to my old mate Danny McGrain and Celtic in the European Cup next season, though. But I've got a word of warning, too ... Rangers want that title back badly, so just watch us go in the new season!

I've already talked about the European Cup defeat from Cologne in this column, so I won't dwell on that. Suffice to say that it is the most disappointing chapter in my career to date.

And what about the international front? Well, I was included in the pool for the European Championship match against Belgium in February, but, of course, that game was postponed because of the atrocious conditions.

I had my fingers crossed that I would get the call again, but it wasn't to be. There's no way I'm even going to think about telling Jock Stein how to do his job. I've been playing in defence for Rangers recently and Mr. Stein selected Gordon McQueen, Paul Hegarty and Alan Hansen for the central defence. They are three very good players. I even voted for Hegarty in the Scottish Player of the Year poll recently.

But I want back into that squad. So, too, does my SHOOT team-



mate Danny McGrain.

I've also been a bit disappointed with my own form. A lot of people tell me I should stay up-front, but I've got to say I prefer playing at the back. However, if the gaffer, John Greig, wanted me to play in goal I would be happy to oblige.

I wanted this season to be a great one for Mr. Greig. It really should have been better for him. He deserves more success than he achieved this term, but, remember, it is his first year as a manager and already he has fitted in well in that hot seat.

And, of course, he did steer us to a Cup Double — the League Cup and the Scottish Cup.

On a more personal note there is good news for yours truly. I'm glad to say. I'm about to become a father! If it's a wee boy I just hope he grows up to be a Rangers player.

Anyway, that's all for this week. See you again in a fortnight. Cheers for now ...

Derek Johnstone

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Paul Hegarty and Gordon McQueen (dark shirts) in action for Scotland against England at Wembley in the recent British Championship game.

CUP TROUBLE FOR RANGERS



Hibs goalkeeper Jim McArthur collects safely as Rangers' Gordon Smith runs in.

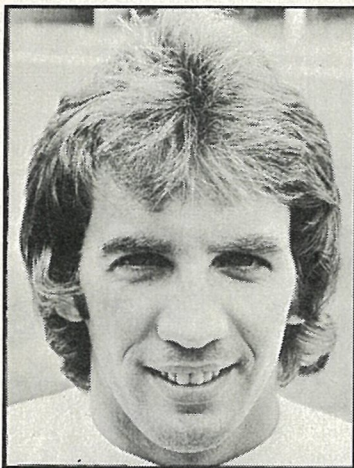


It's Smith again, this time chasing a loose ball with Hibs defender Ally Brazil.

AN own-goal by Hibs' Arthur Duncan in the Scottish Cup second replay — the 319th minute of Final action — gave Rangers a 3-2 victory. Outsiders Hibernian fought hard and Rangers had to call on all their strength and experience in the three matches. Having beaten Aberdeen in the Scottish League Cup, the light blues thus completed the Cup double. Here is the best of the action from the first game against Hibs at Hampden.

RIGHT . . . Hibs defender George Stewart shadows Derek Parlane.





WADDLE, 19 vital Third Division promotion goals to his credit, admits: "I had to take a couple of steps backward to eventually make a step forward — and with the mood and ambition as it is at Swansea, there's no limit to what the club can achieve... and me with it I hope!"

A couple of seasons ago, he was well on his way to the top with Liverpool but then a spell out of the first team was not to his liking.

"Bob Paisley put no pressure on me to leave Anfield. In fact, I had signed a new two-year contract just before I left."

"But the point was I wanted first team football or away. When Leicester City came in for me, I decided to make the break."

That proved another miserable turn of luck for the six foot three inches striker. Leicester paid £45,000 for his goalscoring touch, especially in the air, but Waddle and Leicester never clicked. He played in only 11 League games, scored one goal to earn a draw at Birmingham but did not play for the final five months of the season as Leicester slithered out of the First Division.

"It was a bad move. The writing was on the wall before I got there and there was unrest within the club. When the chance came to move to Swansea, just promoted from the Fourth Division, at the end of the season, I decided to take it."

"There was one real bonus about joining the Swans. Frank McLintock, who brought me from Liverpool to Leicester, had not known too much about me. John Toshack, making a big success at Swansea, knew exactly what I could do because we had been together at Liverpool."

This time Waddle's transfer valuation was cut to £20,000 but that was the least of his worries. He slotted in with a side scoring goals from all directions. Alan Curtis, Robbie James, Jeremy Charles and Toshack himself.

"It was marvellous to be with an attack-minded team. There was the freedom to express myself which I hadn't known at Leicester and the enthusiasm, both within the club and from the terraces, helped me get better and better."

He responded with a surge of goals at the end of the season and those goals proved a prime reason for Swansea filling one of the three promotion places in the furious five club duel that was fought over the final weeks of the season.

FOR the first time in its 103 years, the Football Association of Wales has three of its four professional clubs in the Second Division. Swansea City, Cardiff City and Wrexham will open next season in fierce rivalry.

Swansea were promoted back into the Second after 14 years' absence; Cardiff swept aside all fears of relegation to finish eighth, their highest placing for eight years; Wrexham held on bravely after achieving their first-ever place in the Second Division.

The thrilling finales at both Swansea and Cardiff were spearheaded by two tall 24-year-old strikers of vastly contrasting backgrounds. At the Vetch Field, Alan Waddle finished the club's top League scorer, while at Ninian Park, Gary Stevens came out of the blue to become second top scorer in his first season as a professional.

A STORY BOOK SEASON FOR ALAN WADDLE AND GARY STEVENS

His best moment came with the first hat-trick of his career — against Southend in their last-but-one home game as the finish became tighter and tighter. Swansea had to win every home game and, at 1-2 down to Southend midway in the second-half, they faced their crisis moment.

Then Waddle, who had scored the opening goal, equalised by steering home an Ian Callaghan corner. Excitement hit a frantic peak as the minutes ticked away and Waddle finally pulled out the decisive third goal 60 seconds from the finish.

"Looking back now, it's funny how things work out," he reflects. "I chested down the ball and it bounced badly. That meant that I mishit my right foot shot but, luckily, their goalkeeper was already committed to a dive. The ball beat him by bouncing a couple of times on its way into the net!"

None of that mattered. The crowd came over the fencing in celebration and Waddle was the hero for the second time in his career — "the first came when I scored the winner for Liverpool against Everton."

He needed to pull Swansea out of the fire once more. In the final game of the season, against Chesterfield, it seemed Swansea might crash at the last hurdle. They were a goal down, nerves were stretched like bowstrings and desperately needing an equaliser.

Waddle provided it. A perfectly glanced header through a crowd of players and into the far corner. Toshack came off the substitute's bench, scored the winning goal and Swansea were back in the Second Division.

"My goals were personal landmarks; the team's success is what matters," says Waddle. "They've worked hard for everything they've achieved at Swansea. I'm looking forward to next season and doing it all over again!"

THIS time last year, Gary Stevens was working at a factory bench in Hereford. Now Cardiff are hailing him as their finest striker prospect since a gangling John Toshack first stepped into Second Division football as a raw 16-year-old.

The difference between the two is Stevens has come into football eight years older than Cardiff's most famous product. "Yes, I had thought about a career in football... but not for some years," concedes the lean six feet two inches target man.

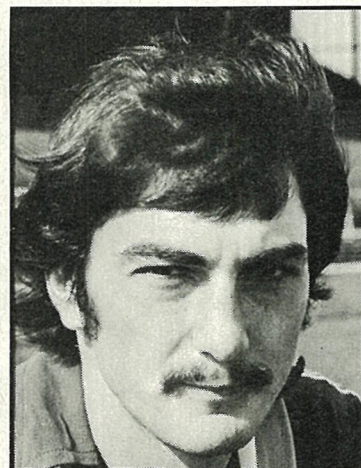
"I had more or less given up hope when I played in a Hereford United side some years ago. They were just into the Football League and Colin Addison was their player-manager."

"I thought 'This is my chance to do something for myself'. I gave it everything but plainly not enough. My hometown club — I was playing for a Welsh League side King-ton — never followed up and that seemed my big opportunity gone."

So it was... for three more years. Then Cardiff, in a tight corner and prepared to hunt the country for undiscovered talent, had a rave report about the maintenance fitter scoring an avalanche of goals for Evesham in the West Midlands League.

"That was last summer," says Gary. "I had gone away on holiday feeling pretty good about football because a move was 'on' to Worcester City in the Southern League and that was a useful step up. I came home to find I was wanted by a Second Division club!"

At first, he was on trial. He scored in a Combination game against Luton and then was suddenly gripped by a conviction that he could succeed — by heading in to score against Arsenal at Highbury. It may have been a reserve match before a couple of hundred people... but it WAS Highbury and that goal fired the ambition



that had died three years before.

"I suddenly felt I could make the grade after all. City's manager Jimmy Andrews offered me a career in the game and I didn't need to think twice. I grabbed at the chance."

Shocks then came thick and fast. He gave in his notice and was saying goodbye to the foreman in his factory when the phone rang.

"The foreman picked it up and said 'It's Cardiff on the phone. They want you for the first team squad tomorrow'."

"I said 'Stop joking. I only signed for them two days ago and I haven't done a day's training yet'. The foreman made me take the call, however, and it was Jimmy Andrews. I was going to be substitute against Cambridge next day."

Gary scored his first League goal a fortnight later in his second full game and that helped produce a vital win over Blackburn. It also restored some pride at Cardiff who, a week earlier with Stevens as a totally bewildered newcomer, had been massacred 7-1 at Luton.

In his next six matches, Stevens scored four more goals and finally ended the season with a first team tally of 14 — four fewer than top marksman John Buchanan who is the regular penalty-taker. But it was a dream which almost ended in nightmare.

There was a mild clash in training in late March and Gary suddenly found that his memory had gone. "It frightened the life out of me. I knew that there was nothing seriously wrong but, suddenly after all the excitement, my career was in the balance."

Richie Morgan, who had taken over as manager from Jimmy Andrews, spoke to him at the Birmingham hospital where he had been taken for a brain scan. "He told me 'This is a precaution that has to be taken simply because you make your living from football and you have to battle in the air for the ball'. That helped... but there was nothing like hearing the final diagnosis from the specialist who told me I was completely in the clear."

"Just when I had everything I wanted from football, I was terrified it was going to be snatched away from me. When I walked out of that hospital, there couldn't have been a more relieved man."

Almost immediately, Gary was back in action scoring some spectacular goals — as Cardiff put in an 11 match unbeaten run to end their best season since 1970-71.

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A special SHOOT survey of First Division clubs' Players of the

CYRILLE Regis, Bob Latchford and other star First Division strikers had better watch out. Some of our favourite spearheads seem to be losing their popularity.

A poll of Football League clubs' Players of the Year reveals that only four sharp-shooters in the First Division were honoured by the fans for their performances in 1978-79.

The select quartet were Bolton's Frank Worthington, who is currently trying to turn on the same magic for Philadelphia Fury in the United States that brought him 26 League and Cup goals last season; Tommy Langley, a rare success at bleak Stamford Bridge, Chelsea; Jimmy Greenhoff, Manchester United's 17-goal striker in League and Cup matches; and Garry Birtles at Nottingham Forest.

Notable absentee from this exclusive group is the most famous "number seven" in British football since Stanley Matthews, Kenny Dalglish.

Liverpool are one of two First Division clubs — Everton are the other — who prefer not to elect a Player of the Year. But Liverpool's fans are not to be denied, for SHOOT gives Dalglish the nod based on his 25-goal burst for the League Champions and his unquestioned popularity amongst the heaving masses of the Spion Kop.

But if strikers are thrust a little into the shadows, who are the lucky players to win the approval of discriminating fans up and down the country?

Tottenham and Arsenal pose a problem by not choosing their Players of the Year until the autumn, but it doesn't require a crystal ball bearing a cockerel motif to anticipate that Spurs' fans will nominate Osvaldo Ardiles, the most popular Argentinian import since corned-beef, and the North Bank will flood Arsenal's offices with crosses against Liam Brady's name.

So, with Ardiles and Brady added to the line-up, the verdict of fans is an 8-8 draw between midfield players and defenders, with forwards trailing in third place.

Odd man out is Scottish international goalkeeper George Wood, who wins the approval of most fans at Goodison Park even though they have no opportunity to vote.

He is certainly the clear favourite of Bill Lyken, Vice-Chairman of Everton's Supporters Club, although he concedes that all first team players were heroes in helping the club challenge strongly for the First Division title.

Full line-up of the fans' favourites in alphabetical club order is: — **ARSENAL**

Liam Brady is a racing certainty to make it a hat-trick of titles when the Highbury fans make their choice in the autumn.

He has won the award for the past two years and is already believed to be hundreds of votes ahead of rivals in this year's poll. Votes are flooding in from Arsenal fans as far away as China, the United States, and the major

MOST STRIKERS DON'T SCORE WITH FANS

European countries.

Few of the Highbury faithful would quarrel with a growing belief that the Irish leprechaun has established himself on a par with Arsenal's legendary heroes of the past, players of the calibre of Ted Drake, Cliff Bastin, Alex James and Joe Mercer.

ASTON VILLA

Allan Evans, Aston Villa's six foot Dunfermline born defender, succeeds Villa Park goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer as the toast of the Midland club.

He played consistently well for Villa in a season in which they failed to win honours but finished the season strongly in the League.

Second in the poll is Dennis Mortimer with the ever-popular former Arsenal and Manchester United 'keeper Jimmy Rimmer in third place.

BIRMINGHAM

The election of Mark Dennis as best player at St. Andrews heralds the dawn of a bright new era promised by manager Jim Smith.

At 18, Mark becomes the youngest Birmingham player ever to win the award after signing professional forms only 11 months ago.

Mark's popularity was confirmed when Ladbroke's also chose him as their Birmingham Player of the Year.

BOLTON

The colourful Frank Worthington's popularity at Burnden Park is unquestioned after the former England striker snatched 26 goals last season.

He was crowned Player of the Year for his efforts from defender Mike Walsh and Jim McDonagh, the Rotherham-born goalkeeper, in third place.

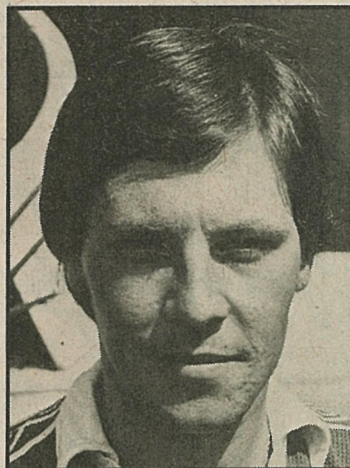
What's the betting the worthy Frank won't score 30 goals next season now that manager Ian Greaves has strengthened the supply line between midfield and attack by buying Len Cantello from West Bromwich Albion?

BRISTOL CITY

Eighty per cent of City's fans who voted placed a cross against Gerry Gow's name.

The popular Glasgow-born Gow broke the stranglehold on the title held by Norman Hunter for two seasons at Ashton Gate. Second was defender David Rodgers and Hunter third.

Ray Hayward, Chairman of the club's supporters, believes Gow's consistency should have been recognised by selection for Scotland in recent seasons.



Chelsea favourite Tommy Langley (above), and Garry Birtles, of Nottingham Forest (above right).

"I saw him in many duels with Scottish international Billy Bremner when he played for Leeds and Gerry always came out on top. Just as tenacious but more consistent. Gerry never gives up. He'd play with both legs in plaster supported by crutches."

CHELSEA

Tommy Langley gave Chelsea's Shed End more precious moments than any player in a dismal season at Stamford Bridge which ended in the club plunging into the Second Division.

He scored goals consistently with little support from a ragged midfield and was duly rewarded for his efforts by winning the approval of the fans.

COVENTRY

Manager Gordon Milne values his Aberdeen born full-back Bobby McDonald in the £300,000 bracket, £260,000 more than he paid Aston Villa for him.

He rates him as one of the best defenders in the First Division. So do the Highfield Road fans. McDonald came first in their popularity poll with Tommy Hutchison second and Jim Holton third.

DERBY

Steve Powell, Derby's brilliant young midfielder player, scored a runaway victory at the Baseball Ground.

The club held a ballot during the season and 4,378 votes poured in to clinch the title and succeed David Langan as Derby's most popular player. Second was the veteran former England defender Roy McFarland with 1,894 votes, and Steve Buckley, the former Luton player, received 1,763 votes.

EVERTON

The Goodison Park club do not believe in distinguishing between one player and another, but under some pressure Bill Lyken, Vice-Chairman of Everton's Supporters Club, plumps for Scottish international goalkeeper George Wood.

"He was brilliant at times, especially in the bad spells when our form slumped dramatically. He played a blinder in the 1-1 draw with Liverpool at Anfield when they threw absolutely everything



at him in an attempt to win.

"But we think it's unfair at Everton to single out a player at the end of a season."

IPSWICH

Arnold Muhren, Ipswich's bargain buy from F.C. Twente at a paltry £150,000, reckons he had a difficult baptism in the English First Division after arriving from Holland in 1978-79.

He estimates that he touched the ball only 25 times in his first game under Bobby Robson's management. But such was his stunning progress over the winter months at Portman Road that he would have needed a highly sensitive pocket-calculator to have charted his contact in matches.

Muhren was arguably the most successful of the imported players last season. His vision and distribution were impeccable — and his left foot as magical as Liam Brady's.

LEEDS

The Elland Road followers must pay homage to two heroes at the end of a long season in which the club was run by three managers.

Leeds' goalkeeper David Harvey is the choice of Ladbroke's — their opinion was based on the performances of players in one match — and the fans' award goes to that pint-sized Welshman with a big heart, Brian Flynn.

Eric Carlile, secretary of the Supporters Club, reveals that the Welsh international midfielder player stole the trophy from Paul Madeley with his performances in the latter stages of the season.

"It was neck and neck until the last two months, but then Brian forged ahead."

Third was Paul Hart, Leeds' ever

Year reveals...

improving central defender.
LIVERPOOL

Like Everton, Liverpool prefer not to select a Player of the Season. Our verdict? Kenny Dalglish. Any arguments?

MANCHESTER CITY

Maine Road fans will mourn the departure of Asa Hartford from Manchester City. He was their most popular player by a mile. Six hundred fans attended a reception in his honour in May when he was given the Player of the Year trophy.



"He was the only player we could rely on at times in a disappointing season," says Supporters Club President Roy Clarke.

Mike Channon came second in the poll. Junior Player of the Year was Nicky Reid, for whom Tony Book predicts a bright future.

MANCHESTER UNITED

Jimmy Greenhoff gets the verdict over Gary Bailey at Old Trafford. Manchester United's Supporters Club chairman David Smith rates Greenhoff fourth behind George Best, Denis Law and Bobby Charlton in attacking ability.

"No matter how the ball arrives, Jimmy is perfectly balanced to shoot for goal," says Smith. "One of the best we've had. I'd put him on a par with David Herd in the past 20 years."

"He is one of the players who is helping Dave Sexton lay the ghost of Tommy Docherty. And they're being quite successful, aren't they?"

MIDDLESBROUGH

David Armstrong has not missed a game for Middlesbrough for six seasons. His remarkable fitness and consistency was rewarded when the supporters chose him as their favourite player at the end of the season.

Peter Hodgson, Secretary of the Supporters Club, says Armstrong won the title by a furlong from Stuart Boam and Mark Proctor.

"He is a superb footballer," beams Hodgson. "The midfield of Murdoch, Souness and Armstrong was one of the best we've ever had. We've never truly replaced Murdoch and Armstrong's form suffered."

"But he's back to his best. International material in my opinion."

NORWICH

Tony Powell, imported from Bournemouth by manager John

Bond when he joined the Carrow Road club from the South Coast club, was one of 12 different players to win the support of fans.

But the crosses against his name clinched the title by a large majority from Kevin Bond.

He was also the popular winner of two other Player of the Year competitions staged at Norwich last season.

Manager Bond was delighted with the result, but he wasn't so happy with the fans verdict on summer football, which was included on the voting slips.

Seventy five per cent said they preferred winter football.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Garry Birtles was playing third team football at the start of last season. At the end he had become one of the First Division's most dangerous strikers and a menace to European defences as well.

His performances were duly honoured by the City Ground fans. Their clear favourite — by a mile.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Loftus Road fans didn't have much to cheer in a relegation season but one player who lifted some of the gloom shrouding the club's performances was club captain John Hollins.

He received most of their votes, from Glenn Roeder in second place, and Don Shanks third.

"Not a more popular player in the club," says Mrs Daphne Biggs, secretary of the Supporters Club.

SOUTHAMPTON

Alan Ball's successor as Southampton's best player is Malcolm Waldron, the Saints central defender. Ten thousand votes poured into the Dell, most of them for Waldron.

A Southampton spokesman said: "It's well known that the boss was in for Colin Todd when he became available. Toddy didn't come to us and Malcolm was given a regular chance. His success is one of the happiest stories of an eventful season."

TOTTENHAM

Mrs Mary Egan, Secretary of Spurs Supporters Club, will not hazard a guess at the likely winner at White Hart Lane in October.

Why so bashful Mrs E? Osvaldo Ardiles by the length of Tottenham High Road.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION

The Three Degrees sing the praises of Cyrille Regis, Laurie Cunningham and Brendon Batson, but the majority of West Brom fans go for Bryan Robson after an outstanding season.

The Midlands Sportswriters Player of the Year is Tony "Bomber" Brown.

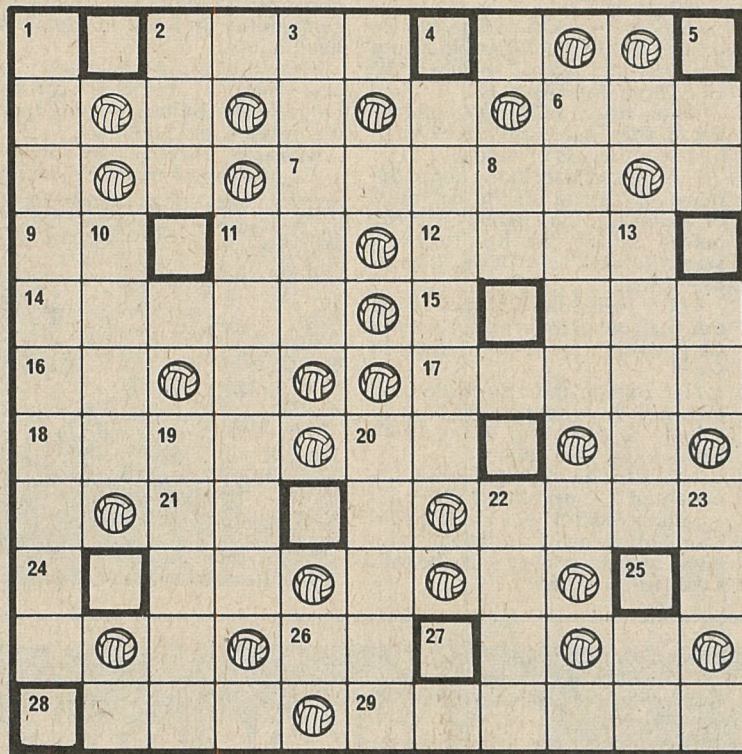
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS

The order of the silver boot goes to George Berry. The Welsh international clinched the precious trophy by an overwhelming majority at Molineux.

A great season for Berry. He established himself as one of the best defenders in the First Division, won his first Welsh cap, and proved that he is no mean orator when a television microphone is thrust under his chin at the end of a match.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Chelsea striker. Answers on page 46.



ACROSS:—

- (1) — Ground, home of The Rams.
- (6) P---e-tfield Stadium (Gillingham). The omissions in reverse.
- (7) Russell —, Ipswich Town defender.
- (9) Heraldic device — perhaps part of the club shield.
- (12) Surname of P.F.A. Player of the Year, 1978/9.
- (14) Presentiment or intuition.
- (15) Ed--- Str--t (Hereford United). Concur from the missing letters.
- (16) Good--on Park, home of Everton.
- (17) Conjecture, perhaps, as to the result of a match.
- (18) Close to from four letters found in Rangers.
- (20) Forename of Footballer of the Year in 1953/4 and 1956/7.
- (21) Edson Arantes Nascimento by another famous name.
- (22) --eter C--y, The Grecians.
- (24) The Red —, nickname of Lincoln City.
- (25) Ma--r Road Ground of Oxford United.
- (26) ----land, ground of Rochdale.
- (28) Shout very loudly.
- (29) A player must be thus to be in a scoring position.

DOWN:—

- (1) Club that was bottom of Scottish Division Two in 1977/8. (7 and 4)
- (2) Number of times Aston Villa have won the F.A. Cup.
- (3) -----ferry Park, home of Hull City.
- (4) Painful inflammatory infection of muscles of the loins.
- (5) Set Roy on course for a French League club. (anagram)
- (6) Take five letters from Arsenal to make a trap.
- (8) Debates or differences of opinion.
- (10) Stratagem or trick.
- (11) Obtains a goal.
- (13) Foreordained by fate. As a club — to achieve fame.
- (19) C---ie-ow P-rk (Morton). Dismay from the missing letters.
- (20) -al--rs--n Park (Queen of the South). Pace from the omissions.
- (23) Glen--ran; Irish League club.
- (27) Millwall are nicknamed The Li--s.

my soccer world
**GORDON
McQUEEN**

FOR MOST of last season, Manchester United were accused of lacking character. Well, we rammed that accusation right back down the critics' throats in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.

Okay, I know United lost, but we battled on after being behind from the start and almost snatched the glory from The Gunners.

When Brian Talbot put Arsenal ahead after just 12 minutes United had no thoughts of defeat.

The brilliant Liam Brady began the move, shrugging off the challenge of Lou Macari and Sammy McIlroy before passing the ball to Frank Stapleton who sent David Price to the byline.

Pricey pulled the ball back across our goal, out of the reach of 'keeper Gary Bailey, for Brian Talbot to score.

Alan Sunderland also made contact, but the goal was credited to Talbot, an F.A. Cup winner with Ipswich the year before.

After a fair bit of United pressure I equalised . . . or rather I didn't.

Sammy McIlroy took a corner and I went up swinging everything in an effort to make contact with the ball. I did, with my hand.

'A CRUEL RESULT

At first I thought that excellent referee Ron Challis had signalled a goal but then realised he had rightly disallowed it.

If he had given the goal there's no way I'd have owned up to the handball. Sorry, but it's true!

Arsenal struck what they thought was a killer blow just before half-time when cheeky Chippy Brady measured a perfect pass across our goalmouth for Frank Stapleton to head home.

Two-nil down at half-time in the Cup Final at Wembley, yet the mood in the United dressing-room was relaxed and confident.

Manager Dave Sexton summed up the feeling of us all when he told



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FOR UNITED'



Brady again was involved sending a pass to Graham Rix who crossed perfectly from the left for Alan Sunderland to score.

Afterwards some of the Pressmen suggested that perhaps Gary Bailey should have saved that goal, but I don't blame him or anyone for our defeat.

I thought the kid was tremendous in goal, but my man-of-the-match for United was defender Arthur Albiston.

No one seemed to single him out for praise, but he was fabulous at Wembley.

Disbelief

At the final whistle the lads just slumped to the turf in despair. I collapsed alongside Arsenal's Frank Stapleton and we just looked at each other in disbelief.

Neither of us said a word. We couldn't gather our thoughts ... everything had happened so fast.

I looked up as an Arsenal player stood over me offering consoling words. It wasn't until later that I discovered it was Willie Young.

I was still in a daze as I went up to the Royal Box to collect my loser's medal from Prince Charles.

"Well played," he said. "But, goodness you looked whacked."

I was "whacked" all right, but had enough energy to do a lap of honour with the rest of the team and hold our hands together for those United fans.

They were incredible ... at Wembley and in Manchester next morning when we arrived back for our civic reception.

We left the train at Wilmslow Station in Cheshire and drove the

12 or so miles into Manchester on an open-top bus.

Every inch of pavement all the way into the city was packed with people. There must have been over 300,000 to welcome us back without the Cup.

It made us wonder how those fans would have acted if we'd won!

We were still disappointed at losing of course, but had recovered from the first shattering effects of defeat.

Our dressing-room after the game was like a doctor's surgery. No one wanted to speak. We sat in stunned silence, trying to work out how Arsenal had beaten us.

It was a cruel result for United in the end. I thought we just about deserved victory. In fact I'm sure we would have won in extra-time. Arsenal looked physically drained.

But I certainly don't begrudge The Gunners their triumph.

The boss told us how proud he was of the team. "Your comeback was a remarkable achievement," he said.

Those words perked us up and we went along to our after match banquet at Quaglino's in London determined to have a good time.

So Manchester United lost the 1979 F.A. Cup Final, but we kept our self-respect and proved we aren't far short of a side capable of winning honours next season.

Cheers for now ...

Lyone McQueen

us: "I know you can still get back in the game given the breaks."

There was only one thing that bothered us ... the heat. As you may recall May 12th was a scorcher, real strength-sapping weather.

The second-half was a severe test of United's character.

We battled on, refusing to lie down, and should have scored a couple of times.

Unfortunately Jimmy Greenhoff, our Cup hero of earlier rounds, saw little of the ball and was therefore unable to produce his usual magic.

Then with just four minutes of the match remaining the Cup Final exploded into life ... four minutes which made it one of the most dramatic of all-time.

Until then it had been an average Final. Nothing special.

Following a free-kick the ball was flighted out to Joe Jordan who pushed the ball back across the Arsenal goalmouth where I was on hand to slide it wide of Pat Jennings.

Although I knew it was a vital goal I didn't feel particularly excited. I realised there wasn't much time left for celebrations so I beckoned the lads back to the centre-circle.

Then, incredibly, just over a minute later, Sammy McIlroy forced his way through to hit our equaliser.

Wembley went mad ... so did the team. Maybe we should have kept our cool, but after pulling back from two goals down the frenzy of excitement was only to be expected.

That brief lack of concentration could well have cost us the match.

As the Final looked like going into extra-time Arsenal scored the winner.

Above: A good goal this time just four minutes from the end ... and no time for celebrations.

Below: A consoling hand from Frank Stapleton after the final whistle.



WHO WON WHAT

FIRST DIVISION

Champions: Liverpool (68 points) record.
Runners-up: Nottingham Forest.
Relegated: Queens Park Rangers, Birmingham City, Chelsea.

SECOND DIVISION

Champions: Crystal Palace.
Also promoted: Brighton, Stoke City.
Relegated: Millwall, Sheffield United, Blackburn Rovers.

THIRD DIVISION

Champions: Shrewsbury Town.
Also promoted: Swansea, Watford.
Relegated: Peterborough United, Walsall, Tranmere Rovers, Lincoln.

FOURTH DIVISION

Champions: Reading.
Also promoted: Grimsby, Barnsley, Wimbledon.
Re-election: Darlington, Doncaster Rovers, Halifax, Crewe.

F.A. CUP WINNERS

Arsenal.
Runners-up: Manchester United.

LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

Nottingham Forest.
Runners-up: Southampton.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Champions: Celtic.
Runners-up: Rangers.
Relegated: Hearts, Motherwell.

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

Champions: Dundee.
Runners-up: Kilmarnock.
Relegated: Montrose, Queen of the South.

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION

Champions: Berwick Rangers.
Runners-up: Dunfermline.

SCOTTISH CUP

Winners: Rangers.
Runners-up: Hibernian.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Winners: Rangers.
Runners-up: Aberdeen.

GLASGOW CUP

Winners: Rangers.
Runners-up: Celtic.

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP

Winners: Burnley.
Runners-up: Oldham.

WELSH CUP

Winners: Shrewsbury Town.
Runners-up: Wrexham.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

Winners: England.
Runners-up: Wales.

F.A. CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winners: Stafford Rangers.
Runners-up: Kettering.

F.A. VASE

Winners: Billericay.
Runners-up: Almondsbury Greenway.

F.A. YOUTH CUP

Winners: Millwall.
Runners-up: Manchester City.

BASS LEAGUE OF IRELAND

Champions: Dundalk.

F.A.I. CUP WINNERS

Winners: Dundalk.

IRISH LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Linfield.

IRISH F.A. CUP

Winners: Cliftonville.

P.F.A. PLAYER OF THE YEAR (ENGLAND)

Liam Brady (Arsenal).

YOUNG P.F.A. PLAYER OF THE YEAR (ENGLAND)

Cyrille Regis (West Bromwich Albion).

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Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool).

FOOTBALL WRITERS' FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR (SCOTLAND)

Andy Ritchie (Morton).

BELL'S MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Bob Paisley (Liverpool).

U.E.F.A. CUP

Winners: Borussia Monchengladbach.
Runners-up: Red Star of Belgrade.

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Winners: Barcelona.
Runners-up: Fortuna Dusseldorf.

EUROPEAN CUP

Winners: Nottingham Forest.
Runners-up: Malmo.



Above: Aberdeen's Stewart Kennedy (left) and Davie Cooper of Rangers . . . in Scottish League Cup Final action.

Right: Nottingham Forest's Garry Birtles (left) and John Robertson with the Football League Cup.

Far right: Scottish Champions Celtic (hoops) v runners-up Rangers at Ibrox.

Below left: Liverpool put on a real Champions show against Spurs at Anfield, winning 7-0. Here's Kenny Dalglish scoring their first goal.

Below: Arsenal celebrate their sensational F.A. Cup victory over Manchester United.

Below right: Wales shocked England by holding them to a 0-0 draw in the British Championship but England retained their title.





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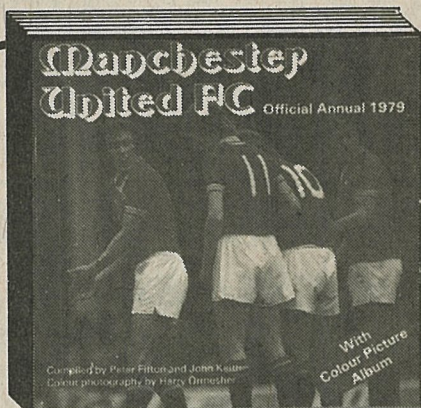
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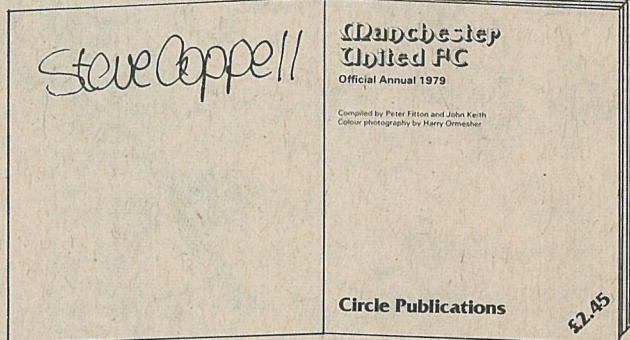
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VERDICTS ON THE FINAL

THE world's Press has had its say; the fans have discussed and analysed every one of the 90 minutes; the top managers have expressed their opinions; now it is the turn of the players to give their verdicts on the 1979 F.A. Cup Final.

Such was the impact of that dramatic last few minutes, when Arsenal's 2-0 lead disappeared and Manchester United staged a magnificent comeback before conceding a last-minute winner, that it is still difficult to find two people who share the same opinion about soccer's showpiece.

So SHOOT decided to turn to the real experts — the top professionals — for their analysis of a match which will, no matter what your personal opinion, be talked about for years to come.

Viv Anderson, Nottingham Forest's England full-back, has a very special reason for remembering this year's Final... because it was the first Cup Final he attended.

Anderson and his team-mates



'Tremendous advert for football'

VIV ANDERSON

the more interesting.

Bonds said: "It was never a great game of football, but the five goals and the finish made it a memorable one."

"United were unlucky to go two goals down at half-time. At best Arsenal should have been only one goal better, if that, because from the fans' point of view, United provided the entertainment, United attacked."

"Many Cup Finals have turned out to be an anti-climax. But you could never say this match fell into that category. And for that reason I

say the overall event was unforgettable."

Mick Mills, Ipswich Town's England defender captained the Suffolk club to their first Cup Final triumph in 1978 when they deservedly beat Arsenal 1-0. But Mills was unimpressed by this year's affair.

He said: "It was not a very good Final in terms of quality. Neither team played as well as they can and both sides made silly mistakes."

"Of the two sides, United provided what entertainment there was and Arsenal simply took their chances. The two first-half goals tended to blunt the element of the



'Both sides made silly mistakes'

MICK MILLS

were knocked out of the Cup — the only major domestic competition Brian Clough's superb squad has yet to win — by eventual winners Arsenal who won 1-0 at the City Ground in the Fifth Round.

But Anderson was generous in his praise of Arsenal and of the Final as a spectacle.

He said: "It was my first Cup Final as a spectator and I was completely taken by the marvellous atmosphere. I have played at Wembley, for England and for Forest, but the F.A. Cup Final is definitely something special."

"I know people have disagreed about the standard of the match as a whole, but I will remember it as a tremendous advert for our football. It was exciting, contained five good goals, it was well refereed and produced a fantastic finish. In fairness, what else can two teams do to please the fans?"

West Ham United skipper Billy Bonds led The Hammers up to collect the F.A. Cup after their 2-0 Final victory over Fulham in 1975. Bonds knows all about the pressures and emotions of Cup Final day, so his opinion proved all

'Unforgettable because of the finish'

BILLY BONDS



And the last word from F.A. Cup winning skipper

PAT RICE

'It was a cracker'

unexpected. Everyone considered the game as good as won. So when United staged their late rally, it left the football world with a false impression of all that went before. The last five minutes made up for the previous 85."

And so it proved throughout the camps visited. Players agreed that the finish was explosive and the outcome just about fair. But they disagreed about the Final as a whole.

So it is only fair that the last word should go to winning skipper, Arsenal's Northern Ireland international full-back Pat Rice.

Rice said: "You cannot take away the fact we finished with great accuracy and that we could have wrapped up the match after United's early second-half charge. It was our own fault we rather sat on the two-goal lead and allowed them into the game."

"I must say when I watched Sammy McIlroy's equaliser roll inside the post I felt sick. I knew, or thought I knew, that it was going to be extra-time. And that United would have the initiative while we would have to win a game we had already won and thrown away."

"You must give them credit for their fightback. A lot of teams would have given up the ghost by then — two down with five minutes to go and no sign of a breakthrough."

"We almost paid for our slackness in those few minutes. But we also had the character to hit back when nobody expected and grab the winner. For all that excitement I say the 1979 Cup Final was a cracker."



1-0 ... Brian Talbot (ably assisted by Alan Sunderland!) opens Arsenal's account.



2-0 ... Frank Stapleton is unmarked as he heads home goal number two.

GRAND- STAND FINISH



Two of the six Scots on view — Arsenal's Willie Young watches United's Joe Jordan.





Jubilant Arsenal pose with the Cup

As a game, perhaps the 1979 F.A. Cup Final between Arsenal and Manchester United won't rank amongst the "greats", but surely no Final has ever produced a more dramatic finish. Enjoy the five goals again . . .



2-2 . . . Sammy McIlroy (number four) brings the game alive with this dramatic equaliser.



2-1 . . . Gordon McQueen squeezes home what most people believed would be United's consolation goal.



3-2 . . . Pat Rice (number two), sub Steve Walford and goal-scorer Alan Sunderland after the former Wolves striker had done "the impossible". What a finish!

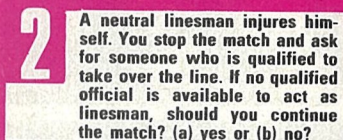


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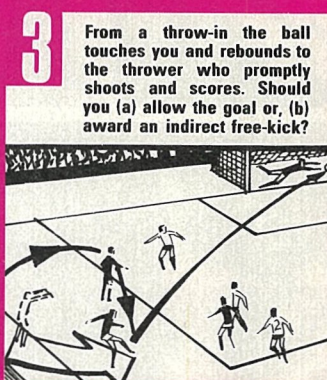
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You have signalled a goal then realised the ball has not crossed the goal-line. Should you (a) allow the goal, (b) drop the ball or (c) award a goal-kick?



A neutral linesman injures himself. You stop the match and ask for someone who is qualified to take over the line. If no qualified official is available to act as linesman, should you continue the match? (a) yes or (b) no?



From a throw-in the ball touches you and rebounds to the thrower who promptly shoots and scores. Should you (a) allow the goal or, (b) award an indirect free-kick?



Midway through the second-half, you notice a player wearing one black and one green boot. Do you (a) order him to change immediately or (b) take no action?



Taking a direct free-kick inside the penalty-area, a goalkeeper kicks the ball to a teammate who handles it before it leaves the area. Should you (a) have the kick retaken, (b) award a penalty or (c) award an indirect free-kick?

ANSWERS

1. Drop the ball (b). 2. Yes (a). A few seasons ago a similar experience happened at Arsenal in a First Division match. Jimmy Hill, of the BBC, took over the flag, and from what I hear a very good job. 3. Award an indirect free-kick (b). 4. Take no action (b). 5. Have the kick retaken (a).

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



"Talk about justice. I tried to prove to him that you didn't foul me and he booked me for dissent"



This week Orient's £70,000 club record signing from West Ham TOMMY TAYLOR selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



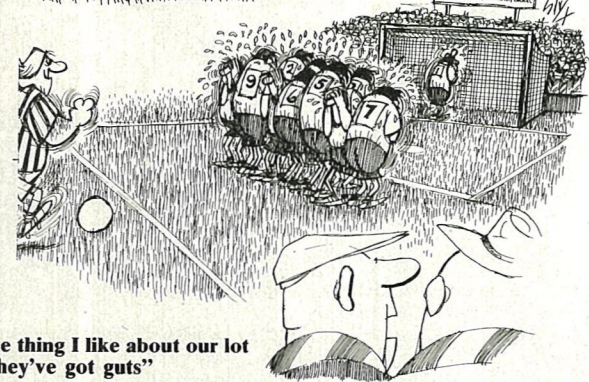
"I don't know which is more dangerous — your blood pressure when United lose or your acute palpitations when they win"



"These requests for a transfer you keep sending me make very interesting reading — why don't you write a book?"



"Talk about luck — he let six goals in last week and now he's won 'Spot the Ball' "



"One thing I like about our lot — they've got guts"

Blackburn's the end of the road for McKenzie

WHEN Blackburn Rovers, rooted at the foot of the Second Division, paid Chelsea £120,000, in March, for Duncan McKenzie, the logic of the transfer baffled many people. They questioned whether his exceptional on-the-ball skill as a striker would simply be a luxury the club could ill afford.

"And what about McKenzie himself?" others asked. Resigned at the time to relegation into the Second Division with Chelsea, how would he react to dropping farther, into the Third Division, with Blackburn? Would he soon be regretting the move and looking for pastures new?

Although £900,000 has paved his travels with Nottingham Forest, Leeds, Belgium club Anderlecht, Everton, Chelsea and now Blackburn, McKenzie has mainly been the victim of circumstances.

"I doubt if I would have left Leeds," McKenzie told SHOOT, "if Brian Cough had stayed on. We got on well and I don't think he would have wanted me to change my game, not drastically anyway."

Duncan's move to Blackburn could be his last. "I don't want to travel anymore," he said. "To be honest, I was desperate to get back North. I never really wanted to leave Everton and going down to Chelsea and living in a hotel away from the family was a mistake. I was homesick."

McKenzie's artistry earned him selection to England squads under former managers, Sir Alf Ramsey and Joe Mercer, but he remained on the substitutes' bench. At 28, his commitment on the field for his new club could win him full international recognition in a couple of years.

When Blackburn were reduced to ten men against Sheffield United, for instance — Russell Coughlin being sent-off by the referee — McKenzie, the entertainer became "master of ceremonies".

Manager at the time, John Pickering, was entitled to be overjoyed in the Press room afterwards. "Did you see the amount of ground he covered? Did you see the way Duncan 'orchestrated' things at the back?"

McKenzie admitted he had enjoyed the extra involvement. "The circumstances determined the way I played against Sheffield United more than anything else. There was a gap to be filled. Naturally strikers have got to be looking to play in the middle of the field later in their career, but at the moment I still feel I can do a job up-front."

After the Sheffield victory, 1-0, with ten men, Blackburn finished the season with a flourish beating West Ham 1-0 (McKenzie again the man-of-the-match and sole scorer)

and Fulham went down to them.

McKenzie's plans for the close season are simple: "Just spending a long rest with a holiday in Marbella, Spain for a couple of weeks will do for me. I don't think I would fancy going to America just to keep playing in the summer."

Skill of the McKenzie type is becoming a rarity as the game gets more athletic and systemised. In the Third Division it is even more difficult for creative players to survive but McKenzie doesn't expect Blackburn to spend long down there.

"They are unfortunate to be going down. Since I've been at the club they've shown middle of the table form and I think there is a lot of hope for the future. I believe they will come straight up."

"For the first time in my life it took me a while to settle into a team. I played indifferently for the first eight or nine games, then it all started to pick up. The club has been through a bad time and tension caused the lads to 'freeze' in front of the home supporters."

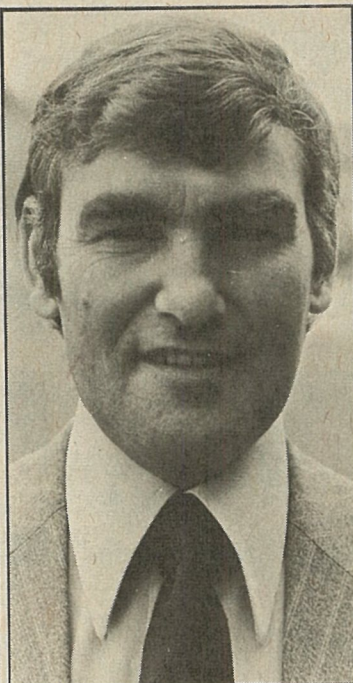
"I'm sure it will be all right next season when we start afresh. Bad memories get forgotten as quickly as possible. The most vital stage will be the first four or five games."

That's the new, happier Duncan McKenzie. Not too proud to play in the Third. Determined to repay chairman Derek Keighley and his board. One of the bonuses to look forward to next season.



'League Cup run helped Reading win Fourth Division title'

says
Maurice
Evans



was made manager in May, 1977.

"Our triumph has been very much a team performance," he continues, "and I wouldn't like to pick anyone out for special praise. The players work very hard for each other. I feel that this is a very important part, getting everybody involved and playing for each other."

"We use a 4-3-3 system and we never go out to defend. To me it's a sign of weakness to play with a purely defensive attitude. We try to play exactly the same away from home as we do in front of our own fans."

Maurice is still held in high esteem by the players and most of the Shrewsbury public for his integrity during his stay at Gay Meadow.

"I think if you are honest with people, then you will get response," he says. "If you're honest with players, then again they'll be with you. They'll give you everything they've got and that's what they've done here at Reading."

"For me motivation changes from week to week as individuals do. They're never the same from day to day. I treat people as I find them and I go about it in different ways. If you've got 12 players to motivate on a match day, it's no good getting them together all as one and saying you must do this and that. You've got to treat them as individuals."

"At present the size of the squad is 16 players, but I shall certainly be looking to strengthen that with the addition of two or three more. I have money to spend and did have all season, but I haven't been able to buy anybody as yet."

What does the future hold for Reading? "We're hoping to emulate clubs like Ipswich and Southampton," says Maurice. "We've certainly got the crowd potential and the facilities are without doubt comparable with those at The Dell. The two gates in the League Cup were 25,000 here and in the replay Southampton pulled in 22,000. London is only 40 miles away, so we're obviously in competition with them, but we've a drawing power of 300,000 people."

"So we're looking to march on. It's no use hoping to consolidate. We want to improve and to keep on improving. If you reach for the sky, you might just touch it. If you don't, you're going to end up middle of the table or near the bottom, and we don't want that at Reading."

IT'S not very often Reading win anything, but when they do, then they do it in style.

"This is the first time in 53 years that the Elm Park club has carried off a trophy," says Maurice Evans, the quiet manager of the Fourth Division Champions.

"We've had a record number of points, 65 is the highest we've ever gathered. The last 11 games were played without conceding a goal, and that equals the League's record. In the 46 matches played the defence kept 26 clean sheets. So it's quite an impressive achievement."

Reading started well in the League Cup, winning a First Round tie against Gillingham.

"It built up from there really," says Maurice. "We went on and had a good run in the competition beating Wolves in the next round, then Rotherham after two games. After that we drew at home to Southampton before going out in the replay 2-0."

"This created tremendous interest in the town and we began to attract some very useful gates. It was also the springboard for us to do well in the League. I think we were in the top four all the season."

"I was confident all along that we could win promotion this time because of the way we ended up last season. The team only lost one game in our final 11 outings and the side was fairly settled."

Evans, 42, and born in Didcot, spent 15 years as a player with Reading after joining the club straight from school. His first taste as a manager came in 1972 at Shrewsbury and lasted two years before he was sacked.

Then John Neal, the former Wrexham boss, offered him a scouting job. In 1974 he returned to Elm Park in a coaching capacity and was appointed caretaker manager in February, 1977. After just failing to stop Reading plunging into the Fourth Division with 15 points from 15 matches, Maurice



"Frank Stapleton has thrived on the responsibility of being Arsenal's main striker."

LIVERPOOL, undoubtedly, are the best team in Britain. Their record-breaking Championship achievement will surely not be bettered even by another Liverpool side. Sixty-eight points, just 16 goals conceded and an average of two-goals-a-game at the other end make mind-boggling reading.

Nottingham Forest, League Cup winners again, stole some of the Merseysiders' limelight in the European Cup, while Arsenal won the F.A. Cup in the most dramatic of styles.

Liverpool, Forest and Arsenal — arguably the three top teams in the League . . . and what a team you could have if, for say, a testimonial, some lucky manager could call on players from all three clubs.

Nothing provokes a good, friendly soccer argument like a "best team" and at the risk of making a few enemies this week, I'm going to be the self-appointed manager of this Super team.

Rarely has anyone had a better choice of goalkeepers . . . Ray Clemence, Peter Shilton or Pat Jennings? What a trio! This must be the most difficult of positions because you can make a good case for any one of the three.

I chose RAY CLEMENCE, simply because he has had such a magnificent season for Liverpool. I mean . . . 16 goals! Three of those were scored by Aston Villa, so in 40 games against the other 20 clubs they managed just 13 goals. It's almost unbelievable.

The Southern Press gave Ray some "stick" a while back, but they tend to do that to Northern players. Okay, Ray made a couple of mistakes and they were highlighted on television. That's Ray's problem now — each time he's beaten it's headline news! Of all Liverpool's records, that miserly 16 goals is the one I can't see being beaten.

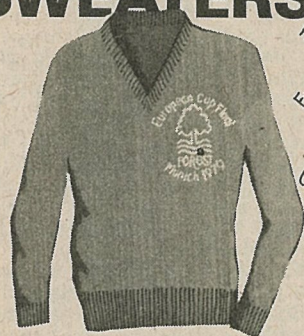
Why did Villa score three? It was one of those games when everything went right for us, just as it did when we beat them 5-1 at Villa Park not so long ago. We had the breaks and when we shot, the ball went in. You have those days, but they aren't usually against Liverpool!

ANDY GRAY
Writes for you

VIV ANDERSON is my only "intruder" in the back-four. The Forest right-back is sound defensively and most effective when he overlaps. We've seen him score some superb goals, goals forwards would be proud of. The one against AEK of Athens rightly made one of the Goals of the Season finals.

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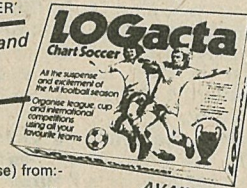
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four? I suppose I've upset Phil Neal's fans, but Viv is a bit special.

ALAN HANSEN, PHIL THOMPSON and ALAN KENNEDY have been the back-bone of The Reds' incredible record. It's strange — I wouldn't necessarily say Alan and Phil are the best centre-backs around, but they're the best on paper and I couldn't break up the Liverpool unit.

Hansen is a cool customer, who must give Ray Clemence a few nightmares with his composure. Alan doesn't like the big boot out of defence, preferring to play his way out of trouble. I rate Alan as one of the new breed of defenders — a

stopper who does far more than merely stifle opponents.

Phil wouldn't win any Mr. Universe competition, yet despite looking thin and weak, I can assure you he isn't. What I particularly like about Phil — and we've had some tremendous tussles — is that he's very fair. No sly digs or kicks; he does his job, but doesn't resort to unfair tactics.

I get the impression Alan Kennedy can't quite believe he's at Anfield, even now. It's taken him a while to adapt — as it does many Liverpool players — and The Kop hasn't seen the best of this left-back. He played well in the second

half of the season and next term I expect we'll see an even better Alan Kennedy.

My midfield should keep more people happy — I've chosen one player from each of the trophy-winning teams. TREVOR FRANCIS, TERRY McDERMOTT and LIAM BRADY give a well-balanced midfield with plenty of goal power.

I'm not convinced Trevor is really a midfielder, although that's where he's played for Forest. His strength is his pace and I like to see him using this in attack rather than deeper in play. If Trevor beats the opposing centre-half, he's clear, but in midfield, even if he gets past his man, he still isn't "on" for goal.

Like Alan Kennedy, the best of Trevor is still to come, too. He seems to relish being one of the squad rather than the superstar he was at Birmingham City. Being the big star can become a burden, because if things go wrong you tend to take more of the blame. I can visualise Trevor becoming a very accomplished player with Forest.

Terry McDermott has everything a midfielder should have and I was delighted to see Ron Greenwood recall him to the England team last month. I can't think of a player who puts more into a game — Terry is the perfect example of total involve-

ment and it must be marvellous for the other Liverpool players to have him around, backing up all the time. Liverpool's other schemers, Ray Kennedy, Jimmy Case and Graeme Souness, have all had very good seasons, but McDermott gets my vote as the best of the four.

What more can I say about Liam Brady? He's had a magnificent 1978/79 — Players' Player of the Year and an F.A. Cup winners' medal. I didn't see the Final — I was in Scotland and saw the Scottish Final — but having seen the Wembley highlights, it's obvious the Irishman had a big influence on the match.

Liam was involved in all three Arsenal goals and was possibly the main difference between Arsenal losing to Ipswich Town in 1978 and winning this year.

I had no trouble picking my front-three: KENNY DALGLISH, FRANK STAPLETON and JOHN ROBERTSON . . . again, one from all three clubs.

Kenny has averaged a goal every other game in his two years in England, and as that's also my average I must say it's good going! No, seriously, I believe Kenny is a better Liverpool player than the man he replaced, Kevin Keegan. Kevin is world-class and has the edge at a higher level, but for Liverpool Kenny is the better team-man.

Kevin turns it on for England and has shown he can adapt to the demands of the Bundesliga. Kenny — so many people say — rarely reproduces his club form for Scotland, but he's scored around 25 goals, which is roughly one every three games, and that isn't a bad average by any means. I feel we are too harsh on Kenny at times in this respect, expecting too much.

Frank has just completed his best-ever season for Arsenal and has become a better player for having to assume more responsibility with Malcolm Macdonald injured. The Eire striker is my type of centre-forward . . . he's an honest player who works hard.

I reckon John Robertson would have played in the British Championship had Forest not been involved in the European Cup Final. Robbo is the best left-sided attacker there is and no player is better at reaching the byline and crossing the ball.

He is an integral part of the Forest tactical plan, and I've noticed when they play Liverpool, the Champions pay him the compliment of having Jimmy Case marking him.

My Superteam, then, from England's three trophy-winning super clubs. Can you think of a better side?

Join me again in two weeks.

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'MY SUPER TEAM FROM THE TROPHY WINNERS'



Week ending NOVEMBER 11

BLUES STUN UNITED

THE League Cup is back — and trust Clough's Forest to get in on the act! A workmanlike 3-2 win on Everton's ground sees them safely into the Quarter-Finals — and another stage nearer to retaining the trophy they already hold.

Luton created a bit of an upset by winning 2-0 at Villa Park — while ambitious Watford win the battle of the giantkillers with victory by a similar score at Exeter.

Wolves went out to Fourth Division Reading back in August, and now they're 21st out of 22 in the First. There's only one outcome in modern soccer — and likeable Sammy Chung becomes yet another managerial casualty.

Also out goes Jimmy Andrews, whose Cardiff are in similar dire straits around the foot of the Second.

There are repercussions after Villa's shock League Cup exit. Manager Ron Saunders storms at "lack of effort" — and classy defender John Gidman demands a move.

Player-problems, too, at Ipswich, where Eric Gates walks out on the club — though calmer second-thoughts bring a swift return.

Walk-outs are in fashion, it seems, as bright young Peterborough manager John Barnwell has a difference of opinion with his board.

Now he's a hot tip for the vacant Wolves job. Many people feel he'd be just the man, though it's said the club is still hopeful of tempting Arsenal coach Don Howe.

In an enterprising move to combat hooliganism, Norwich give away

"Hands of Peace" badges to try and identify true supporters from the thugs.

Skipper Martin Peters throws a handful on to the terraces — and a couple of youngsters get involved in a fight trying to get hold of one. Nice idea by the club — but sometimes you just can't win!

Liverpool continue their winning ways at Q.P.R.; Everton beat Chelsea; West Bromwich win at Ipswich; Forest at Tottenham; and Arsenal at Leeds — so, with all the leaders getting both points, it's as-you-were at the top.

The real stunner is a 5-1 thumping of Manchester United by bottom club Birmingham — their first League win of the season. And that after Joe Jordan had shot the visitors into an early lead.

Sunderland win 2-1 at Charlton to boost their bid to get back to the First — and it seems they want a top boss to mastermind it.

Having been rebuffed by Cloughie, their sights are now set on Lawrie McMenemy — but it doesn't look as if Southampton will let go of the Big Man without a tough struggle.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Birmingham.
TOTAL GOALS: 96 (average 2.29 per game).
HAT-TRICKS: None.
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Liverpool; Div 2, Stoke; Div 3, Watford; Div 4, Wimbledon.
HIGHEST GATE: 50,541 (Spurs v. Forest).
TOTAL GATE: 551,041.
AVERAGE GATE: 13,120.

MORTON SHOCK LEAGUE LEADERS

CELTIC and Rangers give the fans a treat in a tremendous Old Firm tussle and draw 1-1.

Motherwell and Aberdeen also share the honours with two second-half goals. Aberdeen end the match with only ten men ... centre-half Rougvie gets his marching orders 20 minutes from time.

A hat-trick from Morton's Andy Ritchie shocks League leaders Dundee United.

St. Mirren have two penalty claims turned down when they play host to Hibs. But a workmanlike Saints finally

get a deserved win when Stark scores with just eight minutes to go.

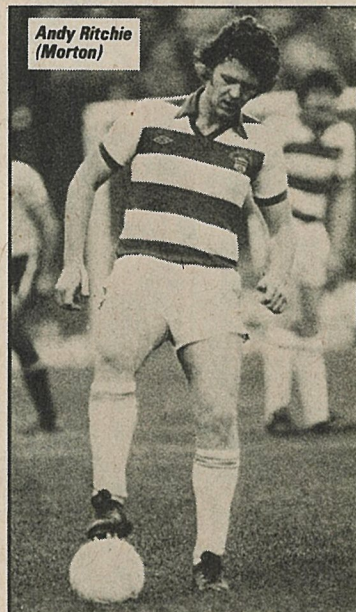
Thistle end Hearts' run of five games in a row without defeat. O'Hara grabs the only goal of the game late in the first-half.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: (Rangers v. Celtic) 52,330.
PREM DIV TOTAL ATT: 83,300.
TOTAL GOALS (3 Divs): 62.
TABLE TOPPERS: Dundee United.
HIGHEST SCORE: (6) Dumbarton, Clyde.



Martin Peters (Norwich City)



Andy Ritchie (Morton)

Week ending NOVEMBER 18

SNATCH OF THE DAY

DEREK Dougan resigns as Professional Footballers' Association Chairman, and intimates he wouldn't be adverse to taking over the vacant managementship of his old team. The Doog has powerful support at Wolverhampton, but the club seem to turn a deaf ear.

And, much to Southampton's relief, Lawrie McMenemy — now one of the game's most-wanted men — decides to stay put, and firmly rejects all Sunderland's overtures.

Clough's at it again — and makes a £350,000 bid for Wolves' unsettled Steve Daley. He has to wait, though, until the yet-to-be-appointed new manager has assessed the situation.

And, talking of money, there's good news — well, at least, an improvement — for Chelsea. They've reduced their awe-inspiring debt from £3,600,000 to £2,300,000.

They're making brave efforts to get back on an even keel and, whatever their earlier possible errors of judgment, surely deserve to survive.

Tommy Docherty is in trouble once more — this time in a libel case — and it seems his future as Derby boss could well be in doubt.

Trouble as well for the "Beeb" — who seem to have made a boob! They've let ITV slip in with a £4½-million deal which, if ratified, would give the red card to the BBC's Saturday-night "Match of the Day" for the next three years.

ITV's snatch of the day looks set to give them exclusive rights to all League and League Cup-ties over that period — but the BBC say they'll fight it all the way.

A lighter "sentence", though, for Tommy Docherty. After much huffing-and-puffing, the Derby board decide only to suspend their headline-grabbing manager for one week. But there are still

rumblings.

Kevin Keegan also hits the front-pages — though this time not for producing super soccer-skills. Instead, he and his wife Jean have produced a 7lbs. 8ozs. baby girl.

Fulham say they're set to sign Brazilian World Cup star Paulo Cesar — but, after last-minute complications, nothing comes of it.

And there's nothing doing, either, for Manchester United. A less than 100 per cent medical report warns-off a £440,000 deal for Coventry 'keeper Jim Blyth.

Instead, 24 hours later, 19-year-old unknown Gary Bailey makes his League debut between United's posts against Ipswich — the club with which his goalkeeping Dad won a League Championship medal under Sir Alf Ramsey back in 1961-62.

He doesn't let one in as United win 2-0 — but both 'keepers let in five in a rare tango draw between Bristol Rovers and Charlton.

Everton drop a point at Arsenal so, with a late Neal penalty ditching Manchester City, Liverpool get back to a three-point lead at the top of the First.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Bristol Rovers; Charlton; Burnley.
TOTAL GOALS: 129 (average 2.33 per game).
HAT-TRICKS: 2 — Randall (Bristol Rovers v. Charlton); Noble (Burnley v. Fulham).
TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Liverpool; Div 2, Palace; Div 3, Watford; Div 4, Wimbledon.
HIGHEST GATE: 47,765 (Liverpool v. Man. City).
TOTAL GATE: 587,259.
AVERAGE GATE: 13,347.

MUD AND GLORY

IN a rough and tough thriller at Easter Road, Hibs draw 2-2 with Celtic. The crowd of just over 18,000 go home well pleased.

In another of the day's cracking games a penalty miss by Aberdeen's Joe Harper early in the second-half lets Rangers off the hook at Pittodrie. The game finishes 0-0.

Scotland boss Jock Stein is at Firhill to study 'keepers Alan Rough and Alan Thomson in the Thistle v St Mirren fixture.

Goals from Melrose and Anderson give Thistle victory. Young pulls one back for Saints. All the goals come in the first-half and in the second both 'keepers cover themselves in mud and glory in the many goalmouth incidents.

Dundee United miss their fourth penalty of the season when Hegarty blasts the ball over the bar in the game against Motherwell. However, goals from Stewart and Kirkwood gives them a win. Larnach scores

for the visitors. Penalties, it seems, penalises United.

Ritchie is Morton's goalmaker and goaltaker in their home game against Hearts at Cappielow. He wins and takes a corner in five minutes and Thomson nods it home. Then ten minutes later he scores himself. Bannan opens Hearts' account from the penalty spot. O'Connor equalises for Hearts but a corner from that man Ritchie finds Hutchinson's head and Morton are the winners.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 25,000 Aberdeen v Rangers.
PREM DIV TOTAL ATT: 64,500.
TOTAL GOALS (3 Divs): 51.
TABLE TOPPERS: Dundee United.
HIGHEST SCORE: (5) Kilmarnock.



Kevin Keegan in action for Hamburger SV.



Jim Melrose was on target for Partick.

1978-79 season in England and Scotland

Week ending NOVEMBER 25

CITY SIGN POLISH STAR

WOLVES get a new manager, and he's John Barnwell. They seem to get a new start, too, because the day after he takes over they earn a good away win at Bristol City.

Then, despite rumours to the contrary, Tommy Docherty is fully reinstated after his week's suspension by Derby, who are now content to let the matter drop.

And, still on managers, there's another new boss at Doncaster. Billy Bremner's the man, and everyone wishes him as much success in his new role as he used to enjoy masterminding the midfield for Leeds.

Come midweek, and we're back to Euro action — with three English sides bidding for U.E.F.A. Cup glory.

All are away in the first-leg, but all earn promising outlooks — Manchester City and West Bromwich drawing against AC Milan and Valencia respectively; and Arsenal left only trailing 0-1 against Red Star Belgrade. With home games to come in a fortnight's time, it's a satisfactory start all round.

There's interesting activity on the transfer market, too, with Manchester United investing £300,000 in the talents of Wrexham's lively-looking Micky Thomas.

More intriguing, though, is the deal set up by neighbours City. For a fee of only a third as much, they snatch experienced Polish World Cup star Kazimierz Deyna from Legia Warsaw.

Ron Greenwood names highly-promising Forest defender Viv Anderson in the squad for next week's Wembley friendly against European Champions Czechoslovakia — and it looks odds-on he'll become the first black player, to turn out for England in a full international.

Saturday sees the opening F.A. Cup

round involving League clubs — at least from the lower regions — and the usual quota of giantkilling.

Most headline-hitting is Worcester City's demolition of Plymouth — Big Mal Allison and all! But maybe the result of the round is that of "little" Droylsden of the Cheshire County League winning at Rochdale.

And Blyth Spartans — remember how they reached the Fifth Round last season? — were at it again with a 1-1 draw at York.

Sad Cup note. Jimmy Greaves — one of soccer's greatest "Golden Oldies", and twice in Spurs' Cup-winning sides — is sent-off in Barnet's tie with Woking.

In the League, the table-topping Merseyside giants both win — while fourth-placed Forest also get both points at Bolton.

That means that Forest's remarkable unbeaten League run is now extended to 42 games — and that's the equivalent of a whole season's programme!

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Barnsley; Stockport.

TOTAL GOALS: 159 (average 2.56 per game).

HAT-TRICKS: 3 — Gough (Colchester v. Oxford); Park (Stockport v. Morecambe); Jenkins (Watford v. Dagenham).

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Liverpool; Div 2, Palace; Div 3, Watford; Div 4, Wimbledon.

HIGHEST GATE: 39,812 (Liverpool v. Middlesbrough).

TOTAL GATE: 628,523.

AVERAGE GATE: 10,137.

CELTIC END BAD RUN

RANGERS warm up as the snows hit Scotland. Their fans, however, are cheered by a glowing display as Morton leave Ibrox after being beaten 3-0.

Aberdeen make Hibs pay dearly for some mistakes in their defence and win 4-1.

Celtic, criticised by manager Billy McNeill in mid-week end their run of seven League matches without a win by beating Thistle 1-0.

On a heavy pitch at Tynecastle both Hearts and Motherwell use their wingers to get a result. But caretaker manager John Hagart of Motherwell sees his side beaten by the odd goal in five as Hearts win 3-2.

But probably the most attractive football of the day is served up at Tannadice where Dundee United and St. Mirren share the points and the honours in a 1-1 draw. It is a fine display of attacking skills.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 20,000 (Rangers v. Morton).

PREM DIV TOTAL ATT: 57,000.

TOTAL GOALS (3 DIVS): 60.

TABLE TOPPERS: Dundee Utd.

HIGHEST SCORE: (6) Albion Rovers.

Week ending DECEMBER 2

ENGLAND'S FIRST BLACK CAP

BLACK is beautiful — and Viv Anderson makes it as the first in a full England white shirt.

But, though speedy Viv looks an impressive prospect, overall it's not an awe-inspiring 1-0 win over the Czechs. Peter Shilton keeps out several which lesser 'keepers might have let through.

Inevitably, K.K. of HSV stands out head-and-shoulders — but, if the game proves anything, it's that Ron Greenwood's improving England still has some way to go.

The day before, in Prague, the "B" international between the two countries had ended in an identical result.

The other three British nations are involved in Euro Championship ties — and Irish eyes are smiling.

A splendid 2-0 win in Bulgaria by Danny Blanchflower's boys sees them top of the pops in Group One. They now lead England by a couple of points, though they have played one extra game.

And Wales, beating Turkey 1-0, are similarly top of Group Seven.

Chelsea turn back the clock, and an old favourite returns to The Bridge. They sign Peter Osgood, hero of their happier days, from Philadelphia Fury for £30,000 — £210,000 less than they sold him to Southampton for back in 1974.

A much bigger sum than that spent by hard-up Chelsea on Ossie might go to Orient for Peter Kitchen, whom Spurs are eyeing hungrily to pep up their strike-force.

Winter strikes with a vengeance on the Saturday — and with 21 League matches off in England (plus many more in Scotland) the Pools' Panel has to come out of the mothballs for the first time this season.

In the real games, more than 50,000 brave the elements at Highbury to see one David Price goal enough to settle high-flying Liverpool's hash — while promotion hopefuls Sunderland and West Ham each hit five goals in their Second Division outings.

Q.P.R. chairman Jim Gregory threatens to quit following crowd disquiet after a shock 3-1 home defeat by fellow-strugglers Bolton. Chairman Jim doesn't, though. It's managers who come, and go, at Loftus Road.

In the Fourth, a 2-1 Wimbledon win over Halifax sees them four points clear at the top of their table. Not bad going, when you remember this is only the second season The Dons have had in the League.

They're followed by Portsmouth, who win 2-0 at Northampton. It's nice to see a once-great club — remember they were League Champions two seasons running just after the War — starting to ring out those old "Pompey Chimes" again.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Sunderland; West Ham.

TOTAL GOALS: 48 (average 2.09 per game).

HAT-TRICKS: 1 — Entwistle (Sunderland v. Bristol Rovers).

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div. 1, Liverpool; Div. 2, Palace; Div. 3, Watford; Div. 4, Wimbledon.

HIGHEST GATE: 51,902 (Arsenal v. Liverpool).

TOTAL GATE: 280,489.

AVERAGE GATE: 12,195.

SNOW BEATS SOCCER

SCOTLAND's national team are beaten 1-0 by Portugal in Lisbon. The Lux Stadium, once kind to manager Jock Stein when he led out his Celtic team to victory in the European Championship turns on him. Scotland's hopes dim in Benfica's Stadium of Light.

And on the Saturday the football card is all but wiped out. The Premier Division is a write-off. Snow K.O.s all the fixtures. Only six games, three in the First and three in the Second Division go ahead.

With so many of the parks unplayable the fans settle for an afternoon in front of the television.

In the First Division games that are played Clyde are beaten 2-1 at home by Clydebank, Dundee draw 1-1 with Hamilton, and Kilmarnock and Queen of the South settle for a no scoring draw.

In the Second Forfar beat Cowdenbeath

4-2, Alloa, the visitors, beat Meadowbank 1-0 and East Fife travel to Stranraer and win 4-2.

Once again there is talk about making football a summer sport. Those for the move point out that clubs still have to pay out wages when there is no money coming in at the turnstiles.

Managers say it is difficult to keep players at match fitness. Chairmen claim the winter cold causes a draught in the accounts... fans prefer the comfort of their own homes to freezing feet on the terracing.

Those against any change point out that fans and players need summer holidays. And they add that "hot air" blankets and under soil heating may be the answer to soccer coming in from the cold.

The arguments rage...



LEFT... Kazimierz Deyna with his wife after signing for Manchester City.
ABOVE... Celtic manager Billy McNeill.



Nottingham Forest full-back Viv Anderson became the first black player to represent England in a full international.

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

MONDAY, APRIL 16

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (2) 5 (O'Leary, Stapleton 2, Sunderland, Price)
CHELSEA (0) 2 (Walker, Langley) 37,232
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Walford, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price, Rix.
 Chelsea: Borota; Wilkins (G), Stride, Bannon, Droy, Sittion, Fillery, Wilkins (R), Aylott (Walker), Langley, Stanley.

ASTON VILLA (2) 3 (Evans, Thompson o.g., Deehan)

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Johnson) 44,029
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Cowans, Gregory, Deehan, Cropley, Swain.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Heighway, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

EVERTON (1) 1 (Higgins)

BOLTON (0) 0 31,214
 Everton: Wood; Barton, Jones, Lyons, Higgins, Ross, Nulty, Dobson, Wright, Kidd, Eastoe.
 Bolton: McDonagh; Graham, Walsh, Greaves, Jones, Allardye, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowing, Worthington, Smith.

IPSWICH (2) 2 (Mariner, Mills)

DERBY (1) 1 (Crawford) 19,899
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner (Gates), Geddis, Woods.
 Derby: McKellar; Langan, Buckley, Moreland, Webb, Wicks, Carter, Powell, Greenwood, Emson, Crawford.

MAN. UTD 0

COVENTRY 0 43,075
 Man. U: Bailey; Nicholl, Albiston, McLroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Ritchie (McCreery), Jordan, Greenhoff (B), Thomas.
 Coventry: Sealey; Roberts, McDonald, Blair, Holton, Coop, Nardiello, Wallace, Hunt, Powell, Hutchison.

NOTTM FOREST 0

LEEDS 0 37,397
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Birtles, Francis, Robertson.
 Leeds: Harvey; Hird, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Harris, Hampton, Hawley, Madeley, Graham.

SOUTHAMPTON (3) 3 (Peach pen., Ball pen., Boyer)

TOTTENHAM (0) 3 (Taylor, Jones, Pratt) 22,096
 Southampton: Wells; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hayes, Holmes, Baker.
 Tottenham: Kendall; Naylor, McAllister, Holmes, Miller, Perryman, Pratt, Villa, Jones, Ardiles, Taylor.

WOLVES (1) 1 (Hibbitt)

NORWICH (0) 0 18,457
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Daley, Rafferty, Richards, Carr.
 Norwich: Hansbury; Bond, Davies, McGuire, Hoadley, Powell, Lythgoe (Fashanu), Reeves, Robson, Paddon, Peters.

SECOND DIVISION

BRIGHTON (3) 3 (Horton 2, 1 pen., Maybank)

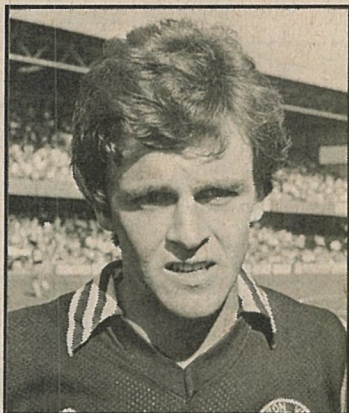
BRISTOL R (0) 0 32,024
 Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Clark, Lawrenson (Poskett), Ryan, Ward, Maybank, Sayer, O'Sullivan.
 Bristol R: Thomas; Jones, Bater, Aitken, Taylor, Emmanuel, Dennehy, Williams, White (Brown), Staniforth, Prince.

BURNLEY 0

WREXHAM 0 9,361
 Burnley: Stevenson; Arins, Jakub, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Hall, Young, Fletcher, Morley, James.
 Wrexham: Davies; Cegielski, Dwyer, Jones, Roberts, Giles, Lyons, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Fox.

FULHAM (1), 2 (Davies, Lock pen.)

ORIENT (1) 2 (Moore, Banjo) 6,956



John Deehan scored one of Aston Villa's goals in their 3-1 home win over Liverpool.

Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Lock, Money, Gale, Davies, Beck, Guthrie, Kitchen, Margerrison.

Orient: Jackson; Hughton, Roffey, Grealish, Gray (N), Went, Chiedoie, Moores, Banjo, Clarke, Coates.

OLDHAM (1) 2 (Hicks, Williams o.g.)

LEICESTER (1) 1 (Smith) 7,179
 Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Edwards, Hilton, Hicks, Hurst, Keegan, Stainrod, Young, Chapman, Heaton.
 Leicester: Wallington; Goodwin, Rofe, O'Neill, May, Kelly, Peake, Williams, Henderson, Buchanan (Ridley), Smith.

PRESTON 0

NEWCASTLE 0 12,960
 Preston: Tunks; Taylor, Cameron, Bell, Uzelac, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Potts (Doyle), Elliott.
 Newcastle: Carr; Brownlie, Blackley, Martin (Walker), Mitchell, Nattrass, Shoulder, Cassidy, Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.

STOKE 0

LUTON 0 19,214
 Stoke: Jones; Dodd, Scott, Kendall (Conroy), Smith, Doyle, Randall, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.
 Luton: Findlay; Stephens, Aizlewood, Donaghy, Phillipson-Masters, Price, Hill, West, Taylor, Hatton, Birchenall.

SUNDERLAND (0) 0

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Fazackerley pen.) 35,005
 Sunderland: Siddall; Whitworth, Gilbert, Docherty, Ashurst, Elliott, Chisholm, Roston, Brown, Arnott, Gregoire.
 Blackburn: Butcher; Rathbone, Bailey, Waddington, Parkin, Fazackerley, Garner, Fowler, Brotherston, Round, McKenzie.

WEST HAM (1) 1 (Holland)

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Bishop) 29,058
 West Ham: Parkes; McDowell, Brush, Bonds, Martin, Taylor (T), Holland, Devonshire, Cross, Pike, Robson.
 Cardiff: Healey; Jones, Sullivan, Campbell, Roberts, Dwyer, Bishop, Evans, Moore, Stevens, Buchanan.

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (2) 2 (Gregory, Lugg)

LINCOLN (1) 2 (Laybourne, Fleming pen.) 3,455
 Bury: Forrest; Ritson, Constantine, Lugg, Bailey, Whitehead, Stanton, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.
 Lincoln: Grotier; Hubbard, Laybourne, Fleming, Cross, Cooper, Neale, Ward (Guest), Sunley, Harford, Cockerill.

CHESTER 0

SHREWSBURY 0 6,249
 Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Raynor, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Edwards, Phillips, Henderson (Sutcliffe).
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Larkin, Cross, Griffin, Keay, Birch, Atkins, Tong, Biggins, Lindsay.

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Walker)

MANSFIELD (0) 0 4,931
 Chesterfield: Tingay; Flavell, Burton, Tarrt, Cottam, O'Neill, Kowalski, Moss, Fern, Walker, Heppellette.
 Mansfield: Arnold; Dawkins, Foster (B), Curtis, Saxby, Bird, Hamilton, Carter, Austin, Martin, Miller (McClelland).

GILLINGHAM (1) 3 (Price, Westwood, Funnell)

COLCHESTER (0) 0 12,030
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Barker, Overton, Weatherley, Hughes, Nicholl, White, Price, Westwood, Funnell.
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Bowman, Wignall, Packer, Cotton, Gough, Dyer, Lee, Allinson.

HULL 0

BLACKPOOL 0 6,000
 Hull: Wealand; Nisbet, Skipper, Hawker, Croft, Haigh, Roberts, Horswill, Edwards, Banister, Galvin.
 Blackpool: Hesford; Malone, Milligan, Thompson, May, McEwan, Sermani, Kellow, Spence, Bowey, Weston.

OXFORD (0) 0

SWINDON (0) 1 (Carter pen.) 9,176
 Oxford: Milkins; Taylor, Fogg, Briggs, Bodel, Duncan, Graydon, Jeffrey, Foley, Seacole, Hodgson (White).
 Swindon: Allan; Trollope, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood (Hamilton), Stroud, Miller, Carter, Rowland, Mayes, Bates.

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Cliss)

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Gwyther) 3,807
 Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Carmichael, Doyle, Smith, Ross, Sharkey, Quow, Guy (Gynn), Sargent, Cliss.
 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Carr, Crawford.

TRANMERE (1) 1 (Craven)

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Lumby) 1,504
 Tranmere: Johnson; Flood, Mathias, Parry, Postelwhite, Evans, Craven, O'Neil, Kerr, Thomas, McAuley.
 Carlisle: Swinburn; Hoolickin, McCartney, MacDonald, McLean (Tait), Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Lumby, Kemp, Ludlam.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNLEY (1) 2 (Bell 2)

HEREFORD (1) 1 (Spiring) 12,260
 Barnley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Clarke, Graham, Millar (Riley), Bell.
 Hereford: Hughes; Spiring, Thomas, Strong, Layton, Emery, White, Hendry, McGrellis, Gould, Feeley.

BRADFORD C (0) 1 (McNiven)

GRIMSBY (2) 3 (Waters, Ford, Drinkell) 4,585
 Bradford: Smith; Podd, Watson, Reaney, Baines, Jackson (P), Wood, Dolan, Szabo, McNiven, Hutchins.
 Grimsby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K), Waters, Wiggington, Crombie, Brolly, Ford, Drinkell, Lester (Liddell), Cumming.

DONCASTER (1) 2 (Packer, Cox)

CREWE (0) 0 1,658
 Doncaster: Peacock; Lister, Snodin, Meagan (Lewis), Cannell, Olney, Lally, Packer, Cox, Bentley, Flanagan.
 Crewe: Rafferty; Wilkinson, Dulson, Purdie, Bowles, Bevan, Roberts (Rimmer), Cheetham, Warnock, Coyne, Nelson.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 3 (Robins, Fletcher, Holmes)

PORT VALE (1) 2 (Chamberlain (M), Beech) 3,236
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Sutton, Hanvey, Fletcher, Hart, Armstrong, Robins, Bielby.
 Port Vale: Dance; Sproson, Griffiths, Bentley (Beech), Delgado, Hawkins, Chamberlain (M), Farrell, Wright, Todd, Chamberlain (N).

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Goddard pen.)

PORTSMOUTH (0) 2 (Garwood pen., Barnard) 5,421
 Newport: Plumley; Walden, Relish, Davies, Oakes, Bruton, Bailey (Thompson), Lowndes, Goddard, Tynan, Moore.
 Portsmouth: Mellor, Denyer, Viney, Barnard, Ellis, Davey, Pullar, Lathan, Garwood, Showers, Bryant.

NORTHAMPTON (3) 4 (Reilly 3, Froggatt)

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Brown (K), MacDougall) 2,253
 Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Saunders, Robertson, Farrington, Williams, Matthews (Ashenden), McCaffrey, Reilly, Froggatt.
 Bournemouth: Allen; Miller, Ferns, Weeks (Johnson), Brown (R), Holder, Borthwick, MacDougall, Scott, Brown (K), Massey.

READING (2) 4 (Kearns 2, Alexander, Hetzke)

ALDERSHOT (0) 0 13,273

Reading: Death; Peters, White, Sanchez, Hicks, Bennett, Alexander, Hetzke, Kearns, Shipley, Lewis.

Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt (Dixon), Scott, Longhorn, Youlden, Earls, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Earl)

HALIFAX (0) 0 1,624
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Peacock, Oates, Deere, Hall, Grimes, Kilmore, Earl (Couch), Kavanagh, Gibson.
 Halifax: Kilner; Hutt, Dunleavy, Smith, Birke, Sidebottom, Firth, Kennedy, Mountford (Johnson), Nixon, Loska.

STOCKPORT (1) 3 (Henson 2, Lee)

ROCHDALE (0) 0 2,863
 Stockport: Lawson, Halford, Rutter, Edwards, Thorpe, Armstrong, Henson, Sumner, Bradd, Prudham, Lee.
 Rochdale: Felgate; Hart, Milne, Creamer (Esser), Scott, Taylor, Hoy, Collins, Hilditch, O'Loughlin, Owen.

WIGAN (0) 2 (Wright, Purdie)

HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Goldthorpe pen., Linacre) 8,217
 Wigan: Brown; Curtis, Smart, Gore, Ward, Hinnigan, Corrigan (Brownbill), Wright, Houghton, Moore, Purdie.
 Hartlepool: Watson; Smith, Gorry, Norton, Goldthorpe, Ayre, Linacre, Houchen, Lawrence (Evans), Harding, Hogan.

WIMBLEDON (4) 5 (Knowles, Galliers, Leslie, Cunningham, Parsons)

TORQUAY (0) 0 4,171
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Perkins, Haverson, Galliers, Bowgett, Cunningham, Leslie, Briley, Knowles, Cork, Parsons.
 Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Ritchie, Green, Payne, Dunne, Davies, Murphy, Cooper, Clarke (Lawrence), Coffill.

YORK (3) 5 (Staniforth, Ford, Loggie, Stronach, McDonald)

DARLINGTON (2) 2 (Wann, Walsh) 2,973
 York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Stronach, Loggie, McDonald, Staniforth.
 Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Stone, Craig, (Seal), Hague, Lyons, Wann, Walsh, Ferguson, Peachey.

SCOTTISH CUP (Semi-Final replay)

PARTICK (0) 0

RANGERS (0) 1 (Johnstone) at Hampden Park
 Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, Anderson (Marr), Gibson (O'Hara), Houston, Melrose, Sommer, Love, Park.
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Johnstone, Jackson, McDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlane, Smith, Cooper.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

FIRST DIVISION

BRISTOL C (0) 1 (Mabbutt)

W.B.A. (0) 0 29,914
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Whitehead, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mabbutt, Mayer.
 W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Mills, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Cantello, Cunningham.

IPSWICH (2) 3 (Gates, Butcher, Brazil)

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 17,676
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Brazil, Gates, Woods.
 Birmingham: Freeman; Calderwood, Tarantini, Howard, Gallagher, Van den Hauwe, Ainscow, Buckley, Givens, Gawn, Barrowclough.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Proctor, Burns)

MAN. CITY (0) 0 19,676
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Johnson, Mahoney, Boam, McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor, Jankovic (Bailey), Burns, Armstrong.
 Man. C: Corrigan; Ranson, Power, Henry, Watson, Futch (P), Palmer (Deyna), Viljoen, Silkman, Hartford, Barnes.

SECOND DIVISION

C. PALACE (0) 1 (Murphy)

CHARLTON (0) 0 30,006

Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Kember, Cannon, Gilbert, Fenwick, Murphy, Swindlehurst, Sealy, Walsh.

Charlton: Johns; Shaw, Campbell, Churchhouse, Berry, Madden, Powell, Robinson, Gritt (Booth), Brisley, Peacock.

MILLWALL (1) 2 (Cozens o.g. Mehmet) **CAMBRIDGE (0) 0** 6,414

Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Sparrow (Mehmet), Chambers, Kitchener, Tagg, Townner, Seasman, Mitchell, Walker, Chat-terton.

Cambridge: Webster; Cozens (Garner), Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Buckley, Streete, Spriggs, Murray, Finney, Biley.

PRESTON (2) 4 (Robinson, Bruce 2, Coleman) **LEICESTER (0) 0** 10,394

Preston: Tunks; Taylor, Cameron, Doyle, Uzelac, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Bell, Bruce.

Leicester: Wallington; Goodwin, Rofe, Rid-ley, O'Neill, Kelly, Lineker, Hughes, Christie, Williams, Smith.

SHEFF. UTD (1) 1 (Kenworthy) **WREXHAM (1) 1** (Tibbott o.g.) 19,846

Sheff. U: Conroy; Cutbush, Tibbott, Kenwor-thy, Renwick, Speight, Anderson, Rioch, Fin-nieston, Sabella, Hamson.

Wrexham: Davies; Cegielski, Dwyer, Jones, Roberts, Giles, Lyons, Sutton, Buxton, Whittle, Fox.

STOKE (2) 2 (Busby 2) **BRISTOL R (0) 0** 18,679

Stoke: Jones; Richardson, Scott, Johnson, Dodd, Doyle (McGroarty), Randall, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Cook, Busby.

Bristol R: Thomas; Jones, Bater, Aitken, Taylor, Prince (Petts), Dennehy, Williams, White, Stanforth, Emmanuel.

THIRD DIVISION

BRENTFORD (2) 2 (McNichol 2) **SHEFF. WED. (0) 1** (Nimmo) 9,050

Brentford: Bond; Shrubbs, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Fraser, Salman (Smith), Glover, Allder, McCulloch, Phillips.

Sheff. W: Turner; Shirliff, Rushbury (Nimmo), Mullen, Pickering, Johnson, Wyde, Porterfield, Curran, Lowey, Hornsby.



Middlesbrough's Micky Burns was on the mark against Manchester City at Ayresome Park.

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Moss) **LINCOLN (1) 3** (Neale, Cockerill 2) 3,364

Chesterfield: Tingay; Flavell, Burton, Tarrt, Cottam, O'Neill, Kowalski, Moss, Fern, Walker, Heppolette (Cammack).

Lincoln: Grotier; Hubbard, Laybourne, Flem-ing, Cross, Cooper, Neale, Guest, Sunley, Creane, Cockerill.

EXETER (0) 1 (Rogers) **PLYMOUTH (0) 0** 8,022

Exeter: Main; Templeman, Hore, Randell, Giles, Robertson, Neville, Rogers, Sims, Delve, Hatch.

Plymouth: Hodge; Uzzell, Hodges, Bason, James, Harrison, Johnson, Upton (Fear), Bin-ney, Trusson, Perrin.

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Smith) **MANSFIELD (0) 2** (Austin, Miller) 4,178

Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Carmichael, Doyle, Smith, Ross, Sharkey, Quow (Guy), Gynn, Cook, Cliss.

Mansfield: New; Dawkins, Wood (Miller), Curtis, Saxby (M), McClelland, Allen, Carter, Austin, Bird, Martin.

SWANSEA (0) 2 (Toshack, Waddle) **WALSALL (0) 2** (Syrett 2) 18,096

Swansea: Crudgington; Phillips, Bartley, Smith, Stevenson, Charles, Attley, James, Cur-tis (Toshack), Waddle, Callaghan.

Walsall: Turner; Macken, Caswell, King, Serella, Sbragia, Birch, Williams, Syrett, Wad-dington, Rees (McDonough).

WATFORD (1) 2 (Joslyn, Bolton pen.) **SOUTHEND (0) 0** 15,835

Watford: Rankin; Stirk, Pritchett, Booth, Bol-ton, Garner, Pollard, Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Downes.

Southend: Horn; Walker, Yates, Stead, Had-ley, Moody, Fell, Pountney, Parker, Dudley, Abbott.

FOURTH DIVISION

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Cox) **HALIFAX (1) 1** (Sidebottom) 2,227

Doncaster: Peacock; Lally, Snodin, Meagan, Cannell, Olney (Pugh), Austin, Packer, Cox, Lewis, Flanagan.

Halifax: Kilner; Dunleavy, Hutt, Smith, Burke, Trainer, Firth, Kennedy, Campbell, Sidebottom, Johnston.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Fletcher) **ROCHDALE (0) 0** 3,346

Huddersfield: Taylor; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Sutton, Hanvey, Fletcher (Gray), Hart, Armstrong, Robins, Bielby.

Rochdale: Felgate; Hart, Oliver, Creamer, Bannon, Taylor, Esser, Hoy, Hilditch, O'Lough-lin, Owen.

NORTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Reilly 2, Froggatt) **CREWE (0) 1** (Geldmintis o.g.) 2,570

Northampton: Jayes, Geldmintis, Mead, Saunders, Robertson, Farrington, Williams, Matthews (Ashenden), McCaffrey, Reilly, Frog-gatt.

Crewe: Rafferty, Wilkinson, Dulson, Purdie (Roberts), Bowles, Rimmer, Robertson, Cheetham, Warnock, Coyne, Nelson.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

FIRST DIVISION

NOTTM FOREST (0) 1 (Francis) **MAN. UTD (0) 1** (Jordan) 33,074

Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Francis, Woodcock, Robertson.

Man. U: Bailey; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, McCreery, Jordan, Greenhoff (B), Thomas.



Mark Wallington kept goal for Leicester City at Filbert Street against Crystal Palace.

SECOND DIVISION

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Withe) **NOTTS CO (1) 2** (Hooks, O'Brien pen.) 11,472

Newcastle: Carr; Brownlie, Blackley, Walker, Mitchell, Nattrass, Shoulder, Cassidy, Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.

Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Blockley, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Hunt, Vinter.

THIRD DIVISION

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Evans) **ROTHERHAM (0) 1** (Phillips) 1,254

Tranmere: Johnson; Flood, Mathias, Parry, Postlewhite, Evans, Craven, O'Neill, Kerr, Thomas, McAuley.

Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Standcliffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Carr, Crawford.

FOURTH DIVISION

NEWPORT (1) 2 (Thompson, Oakes) **SCUNTHORPE (0) 0** 2,572

Newport: Plumley; Walden, Davies, Thomp-son, Oakes, Bruton, Vaughan, Lowndes, God-dard, Tynan, Moore.

Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Peacock, Oates, Deere, Hall, Grimes, Kilmore, Earl, Kavanagh, Gibson.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

HEARTS (0) 0 **CELTIC (1) 3** (McLeod, Conroy, Burns) 10,000

Hearts: Allan; Kidd, Brown, Tierney, Liddell, Craig, Robertson, Fraser, Gibson (Paterson), Busby, Prentice.

Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Aitken, Edvaldsson, McLeod, Provan (Burns), Conroy, McAdam, Davidson, McCluskey.

MORTON (1) 3 (Russell, McNeill, Ritchie) **HIBS (0) 0** 5,000

Morton: Baines; Hay, Holmes, Evans, Orr, Hutchison, Russell, McLaren, Thomson, McNeill, Ritchie.

Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Duncan, Bremner, Stewart, McNamara, Rae, McLeod, Campbell, Callachan, Brown (Hutchinson).

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Stevens) **ABERDEEN (0) 1** (McLeish) 2,672

Motherwell: Rennie; Hair, Wark, Carberry, Mackin, Stevens, Larnach, Pettigrew, Clinging, Irvine, Donnelly.

Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Hamilton, McLeish, Garner, Miller, McGhee, Archibald, Sullivan (Jarvie), Strachan, Scanlon.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

SECOND DIVISION

LEICESTER (1) 1 (Smith) **C. PALACE (0) 1** (Hinshelwood) 16,767

Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Good-win, May, Ridley, Lineker, Peake, Henderson, Buchanan, Smith (Duffy).

C. Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Kember, Cannon, Gilbert, Fenwick, Murphy, Swindlehurst, Sealy, Walsh.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 **NOTTM FOREST (1) 2** (Birtles, Robertson) 22,189

Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Dennis (Buckley), Towers, Gallagher, Tarantini, Page, Ainscow, Givens, Barrowclough, Dillon.

Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Francis, Bir-tles, Woodcock, Robertson.

BOLTON (1) 2 (Worthington, Allardyce) **IPSWICH (2) 3** (Brazil 2, Wark) 20,073

Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Walsh, McNab, Jones (Nowak), Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowling, Worthington, Smith.

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Brazil, Gates (Geddis), Woods.

CHELSEA (1) 2 (Stanley, Wilkins, G.) **MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1** (Armstrong) 12,007

Chelsea: Bonetti; Wilkins (G.), Stride (Har-ris), Bannon, Droy, Chivers, Stanley, Wilkins (R.), Fillery, Langley, Walker.

Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Johnson, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Cochran, Proctor, Ashcroft, Burns (Cummins), Armstrong.

COVENTRY (1) 4 (Wallace 3, Blair) **SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0** 17,750

Coventry: Sealey; Roberts, McDonald, Gooding, Holton, Coop, Nardiello, Blair, Hunt, Wallace, Hutchison.

Southampton: Wells; Golac, Peach, Wil-liams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hayes, Holmes, Baker.

DERBY (2) 2 (Daly, Buckley) **ARSENAL (0) 0** 18,674

Derby: McKellar; Langan, Buckley, Daly, Webb, Wicks, Moreland, Powell, Greenwood, Emson, Crawford.

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Gattling, Talbot, Walford, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price, Rix.

LEEDS (0) 1 (Currie) **EVERTON (0) 0** 29,125

Leeds: Harvey; Hird, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Harris, Hankin, Madeley, Currie, Graham.

Everton: Wood; Barton, Jones, Lyons, Hig-gins, Ross, King, Heard, Wright, Kidd, Eastoe.

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Dalglish) **BRISTOL C (0) 0** 43,191

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson (Heighway), McDermott, Souness.

Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Whitehead, Gow (Jantunen), Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mabbutt, Meyer.

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I GOT PUNISHED TODAY FOR GIVING A RIGHT ANSWER!



I DON'T BELIEVE THAT... WHAT WAS THE QUESTION?



WHERE IS LIVERPOOL SITUATED?



AND HE SAID "TOP OF THE FIRST DIVISION"... BRIGHT BOY!



MAN. CITY (1) 3 (Silkman, Owen 2)
Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Busby) 30,694

Man. C: Corrigan; Donachie, Power, Viljoen, Watson, Bell, Owen, Deyna, Silkman, Hartford, Barnes.

Q.P.R.: Richardson; Clement, Gillard, Busby, Howe, Roeder, Shanks, Francis, Walsh, McGee, Goddard.

NORWICH (1) 1 (Fashanu)
ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Shelton, Cropley) 15,061
 Norwich: Hansbury; Bond, Davies, McGuire, Hoadley, Powell, Mendham, Reeves, Fashanu, Paddon, Peters.
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Gibson, Gregory, McNaught (Linton), Mortimer, Shelton, Cowans, Deehan, Cropley, Swain.

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Jones)
MAN. UTD (1) 1 (McQueen) 36,665
 Tottenham: Kendall; Pratt, McAllister, Miller, Lacy, Perryman, Villa, Hoddle, Jones, Ardiles, Taylor.
 Man. U: Bailey; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, McQueen, Greenhoff (B), Coppell, McCreery, Jordan, Macari, Thomas (Grimes).

W.B.A. (0) 1 (Robson)
WOLVES (0) 1 (Richards) 32,385
 W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Cantello, Cunningham.
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Daley, Rafferty, Richards, Patching.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Waddington)
MILLWALL (1) 1 (Mehmet) 5,819
 Blackburn: Butcher; Rathbone, Bailey, Coughlin, Parkin (Garner), Waddington, Brotherton, Fowler, Craig, Fazackerley, McKenzie.
 Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Gregory, Chambers, Kitchener, Tagg, Chatterton, Mehmet, Dibble, Walker, Towner (Allen).

BRISTOL R (1) 2 (Jones pen., White)
BURNLEY (0) 0 5,947
 Bristol R: Thomas; Jones, Aitken, Harding, Taylor, Emmanuel, Petts, Williams, White, Mabbutt, Prince.



Millwall youngster David Mehmet scored for The Lions in their 1-1 draw v. Blackburn Rovers.

Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Rodaway, Thomson, Hall, Ingham, Fletcher (Robinson), Morley, James.

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Lee, Docherty) 10,100
 Cambridge: Webster; Buckley, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Graham (Cozens), Garner, Spriggs, Murray, Finney, Biley.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Whitworth, Gilbert, Docherty, Ashurst, Elliott, Arnott, Rostron, Brown, Buckley, Lee.

CARDIFF (2) 4 (Stevens, Buchanan 3, 1 pen.)
SHEFF. UTD (0) 0 10,592
 Cardiff: Healey; Jones, Sullivan, Campbell, Roberts, Thomas, Buchanan, Bishop, Evans, Stevens, Dwyer.
 Sheff. U: Conroy; Cutbush, Tibbott, Kenworthy, Renwick, Rioch, Anderson, Speight, Finnieston (Benjamin), Sabella, Brown.

CHARLTON 0
WEST HAM 0 22,816
 Charlton: Johns; Shaw, Campbell, Tyde-man, Berry, Madden, Powell, Robinson, Gritt, Peacock, Churchouse (Brisley).
 West Ham: Parkes; McDowell, Brush, Bonds, Martin, Taylor (T), Holland, Devonshire, Cross, Pike, Jennings (Lampard).

LUTON (1) 1 (Williams o.g.)
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Maybank) 13,132
 Luton: Findlay; Stephens, Aizlewood, Donaghy, Phillipson-Masters, Birchenall, Hill, West, Taylor, Hatton, Moss.
 Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams (Poskett), Horton, Winstanley, Clark, Ryan, Ward, Maybank, Sayer, O'Sullivan.

NEWCASTLE 0
FULHAM 0 11,916
 Newcastle: Carr; Brownlie (Wharton), Nat-trass, Martin, Bird, Barton, Shoulder, Walker, Mitchell, Suggett, Nicholson.
 Fulham: Peyton; Strong, Mason, Lock, Money, Gale, Davies, Beck, Guthrie, Kitchen, Hatter.

NOTTS CO 0
PRESTON 0 7,009
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Blockley, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Mair, Hooks, Hunt, Vinter.
 Preston: Tunks; Taylor, Cameron, Doyle, Uzelac, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson (Potts), Bell, Bruce.

ORIENT 0
OLDHAM 0
 Orient: Jackson, Hughton, Roffey, Grealish, Gray (N), Went, Chiedozie, Moores, Banjo, Mayo, Coates.
 Oldham: McDonnell, Blair, Edwards, Keegan, Hicks, Hurst, Hilton, Stainrod, Steel, Chapman, Heaton.

WREXHAM (0) 0
STOKE (1) 1 (O'Callaghan) 20,211
 Wrexham: Davies; Sutton, Dwyer, Jones, Roberts, Giles, Shinton, Cartwright, Lyons, Whittle (Buxton), Fox.
 Stoke: Jones; Richardson, Scott, Johnson, Dodd, Smith, Randall, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Busby.

THIRD DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Kellow)
SWANSEA (1) 3 (Curtis, Toshack, Charles) 5,977
 Blackpool: Hesford; Malone, Milligan, Thompson, May, McEwan, Sermanni (Jones), Kellow, Spence, Ronson, Weston.
 Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Bartley, Phil-lips, Stevenson, Toshack (Charles), Attley, James, Curtis, Waddle, Callaghan.

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Ludlam)
BRENTFORD (0) 0 3,967
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, MacDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Lumby (McLean), Ludlam.
 Brentford: Bond; Shrubbs, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Fraser, Salman, Glover, Alder (Carlton), McCulloch, Phillips.

COLCHESTER (0) 2 (Rowles, Gough)
HULL (0) 1 (Edwards) 2,762
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Bunkell, Wignall, Dowman, Dyer, Gough, Rowles, Allin-son, Lee.
 Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, Skipper, Roberts, Croft, Haigh, Hawker, Horswill, Edwards, Ban-nister, Farley.

LINCOLN (0) 0
EXETER (0) 1 (Neville pen.) 2,675
 Lincoln: Grotier; Hubbard, Laybourne, Flem-ing, Cross, Cooper, Guest, Neale, Sunley, Creane, Cockerill.
 Exeter: Main; Hore, Templeman, Forbes, Giles, Roberts, Neville, Rogers, Sims, Delve, Hatch.

MANSFIELD (2) 3 (Forrest o.g., Curtis, Carter)
BURY (0) 0 3,976
 Mansfield: New; Dawkins, Wood, Curtis, Saxby, McClelland, Miller (Hamilton), Carter, Austin, Bird, Allen.
 Bury: Forrest; Ritson, Kennedy (Madden), Lugg, Bailey, Whitehead, Stanton, Wilson, Hil-ton, Gregory, Taylor.

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Johnson 2)
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Funnell) 5,868
 Plymouth: Hodge; McNeill, Hodges, Bason, Clarke, Uzzell, Megson, Harrison, Binney, Johnson, Rogers.
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Barker, Over-ton, Weatherley, Hughes, Nicholl, White, Price, Westwood, Funnell.

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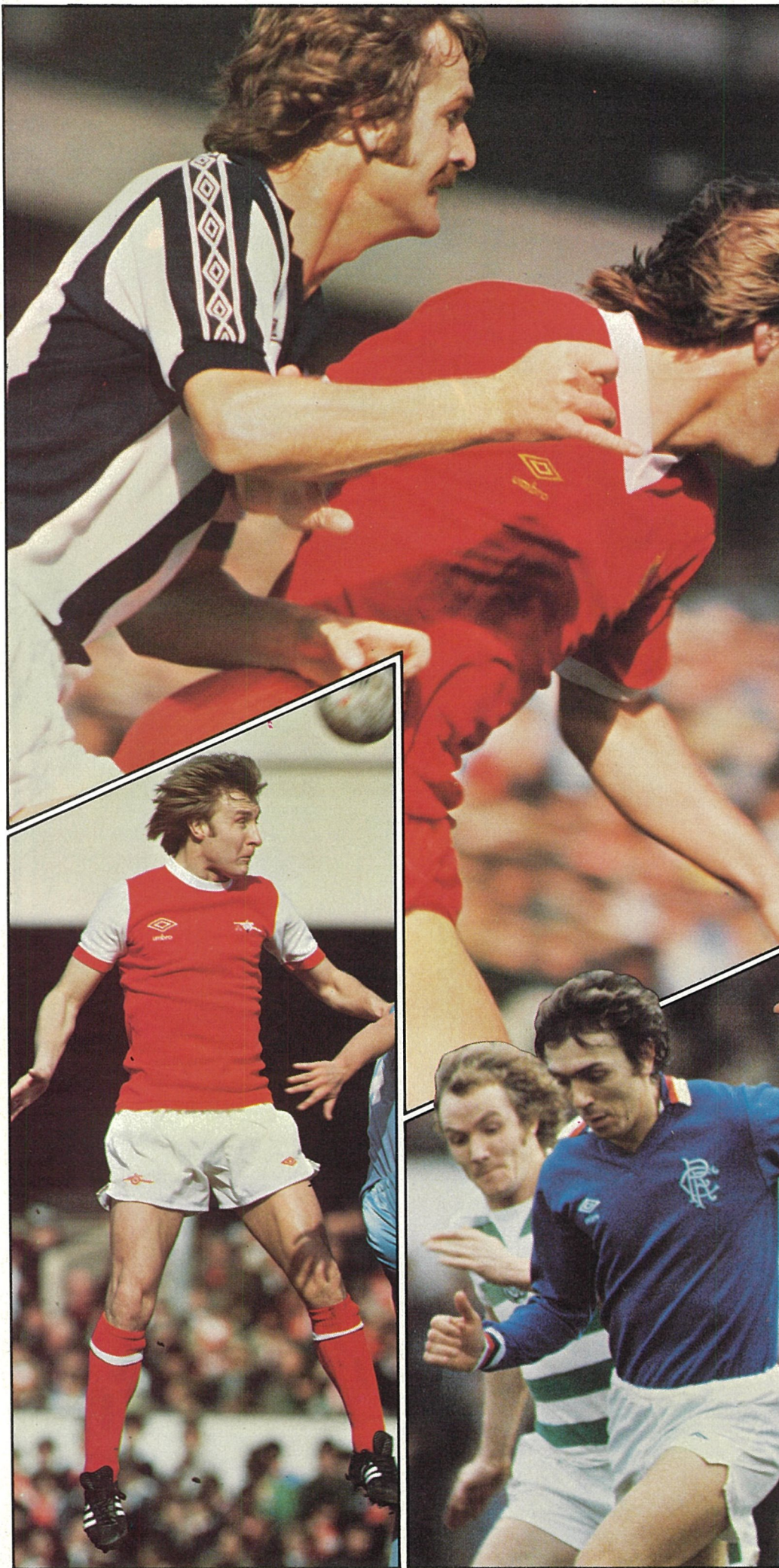
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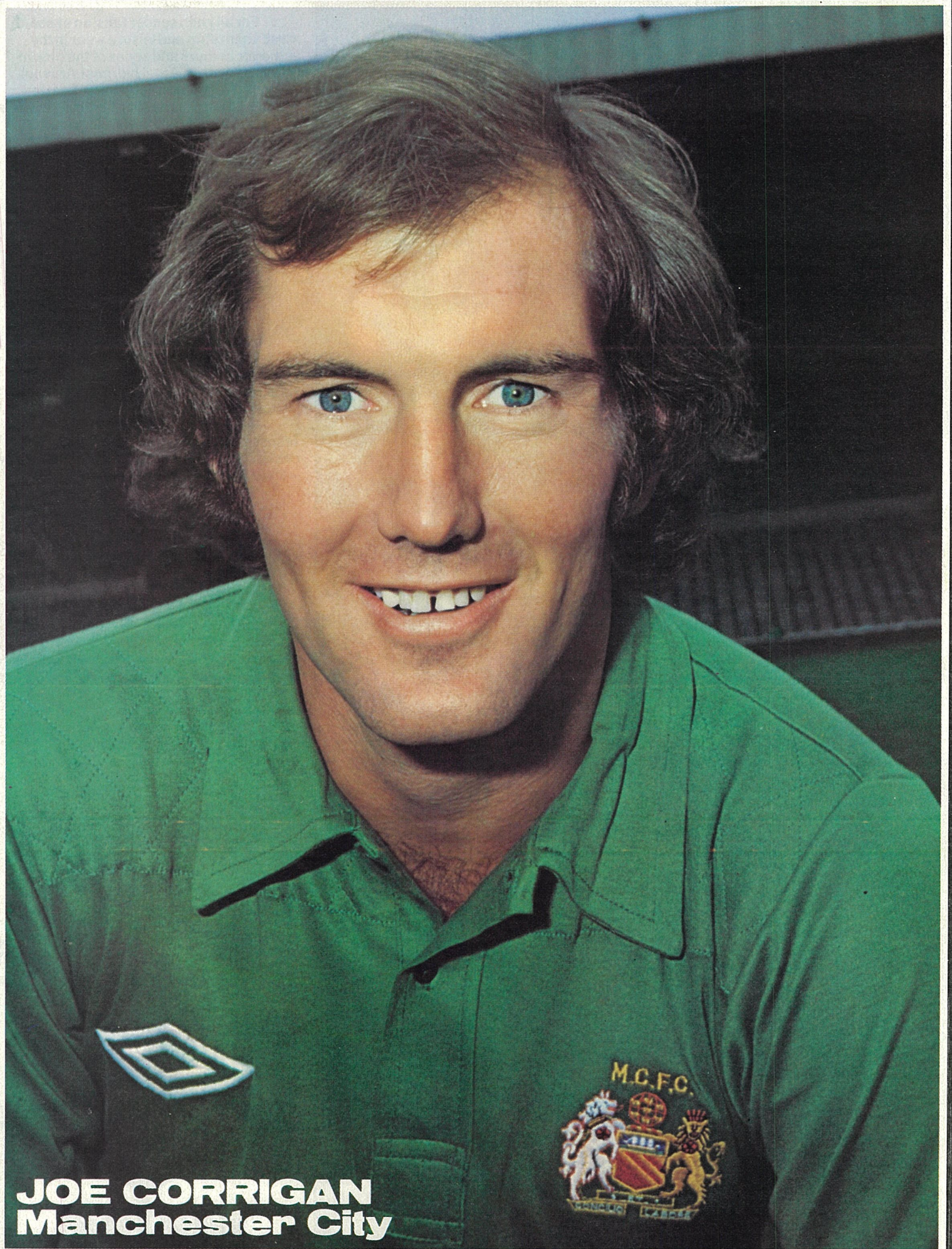
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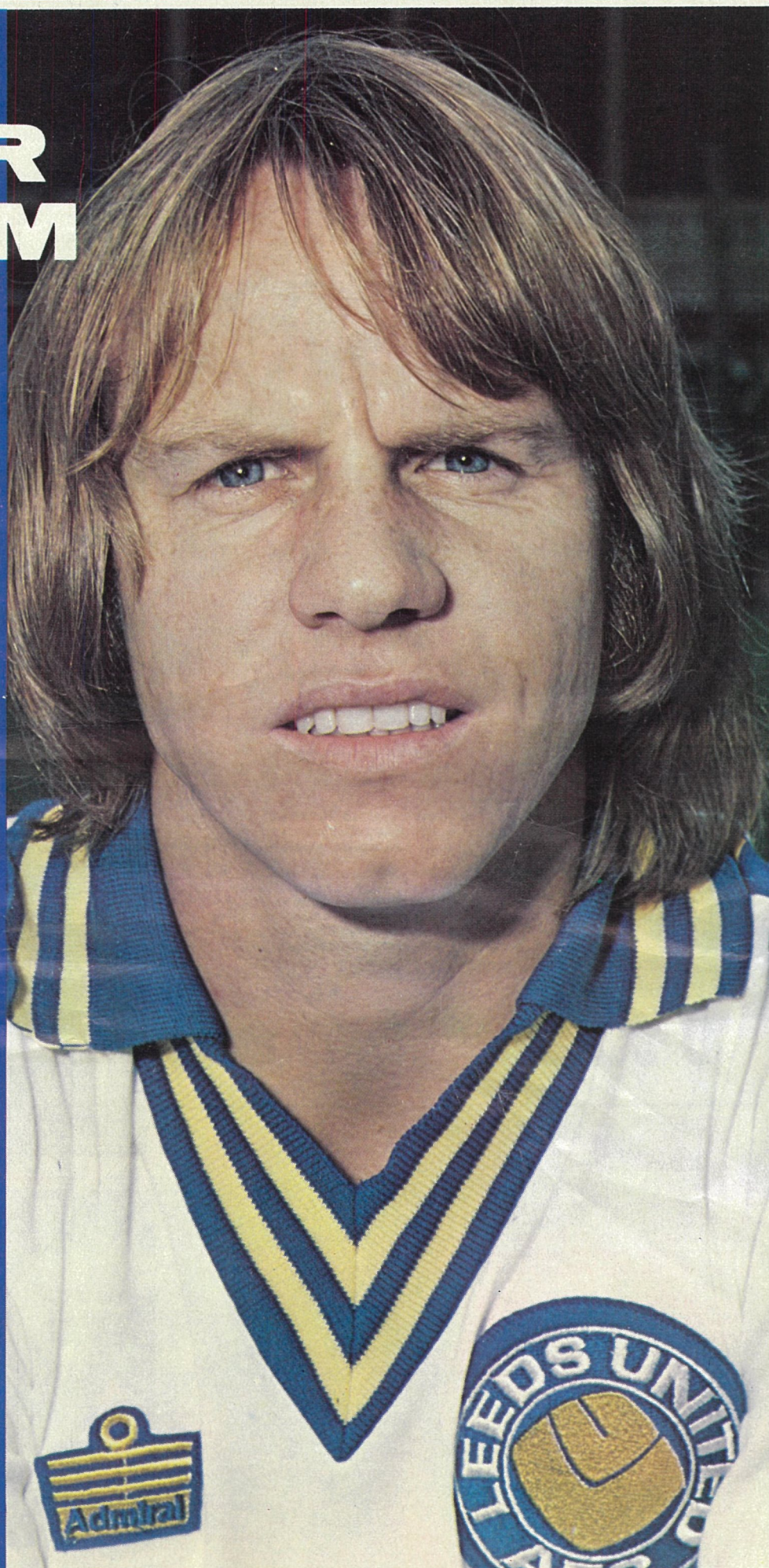
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ARTHUR GRAHAM

Leeds United

FULL NAME: Arthur Graham
BIRTHPLACE: Glasgow
BIRTHDATE: 26th October, 1952
HEIGHT: 5ft 8in
WEIGHT: 11st 8lb
PREVIOUS CLUB: Aberdeen
MARRIED: To Lorna
CHILDREN: Daughter, Angela
CAR: Toyota Celica
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Former Celtic winger Jimmy Johnstone
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: My former club Aberdeen
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Celtic's Danny McGrain and there are a few down here in England
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating Celtic in the 1970 Scottish Cup Final
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the Scottish Cup and signing for Leeds United
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being banned from playing for Scotland and losing two League Cup Semi-Final ties with Leeds
BEST COUNTRIES VISITED: Bermuda, Denmark, Spain, and England's not too bad either
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Playing golf and watching T.V.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Waiting for people and losing
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Top Of The Pops and sports programmes
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Electric Light Orchestra, Kate Bush, Bee Gees, Elton John and all Beatles music
FAVOURITE ACTOR: John Wayne
BEST FRIENDS: Past and present teammates, and I have good friends back home in Glasgow and Aberdeen
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My school teacher in Glasgow
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Youth, Under-23's and Full Caps for Scotland
PERSONAL AMBITION: To enjoy life
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win a major honour with Leeds United
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? No idea
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Golfer Jack Nicklaus

Arthur Graham



SHOOT!

THE North American Soccer League is beginning to take shape and, not surprisingly, the Cosmos are the most successful team to date. They have lost only one game, down in Tampa, but bar a sensation they are already booked for a place in the play-offs.

Once again, Cosmos striker Giorgio Chinaglia (below, right, you pronounce it "keen-AL-ya") leads the goal-list with nine, with two former League stars David Robb (Philadelphia Fury) and Alan Green (Washington Diplomats) on seven.

COSMOS LEAD AGAIN

Former Wolves goalkeeper Phil Parkes of Vancouver is the "meanest" keeper to date, with an average of 0.83 of a goal-per-game against him... if there is such a statistic!

We'll be carrying our Soccer in the States feature again this summer, but in the meantime here are the League standings:

	Games			Goals		Bonus	Total
NATIONAL CONFERENCE	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Points	Points
Eastern Division							
New York	8	7	1	21	12	20	62
Washington	8	6	2	21	10	17	53
Rochester	8	2	6	9	17	9	21
Toronto	8	1	7	8	22	8	14
Central Division							
Minnesota	7	6	1	17	7	16	52
Tulsa	7	5	2	19	14	16	46
Dallas	8	4	4	12	12	12	36
Atlanta	7	2	5	13	18	12	24
Western Division							
Vancouver	8	6	2	14	8	14	50
Los Angeles	6	4	2	7	9	7	31
Portland	7	3	4	15	17	13	31
Seattle	7	3	4	12	10	11	29
AMERICAN CONFERENCE							
Eastern Division							
Tampa Bay	8	6	2	19	12	15	51
Philadelphia	8	3	5	15	14	15	33
Ft. Lauderdale	8	3	5	13	14	12	30
New England	8	2	6	6	16	6	18
Central Division							
Houston	8	6	2	18	13	15	51
Chicago	6	4	2	15	11	13	37
Detroit	8	4	4	14	8	11	35
Memphis	8	2	6	5	13	5	17
Western Division							
San Diego	8	4	4	14	18	13	37
Edmonton	8	4	4	11	12	11	35
California	8	4	4	8	10	8	32
San Jose	7	0	7	9	18	9	9

(*Total Points — Win — 6 Pts., Defeat — 0 Pts. Bonus Points: one point is awarded for each goal scored up to a maximum of three per team per game.)



Not Dirty

GUSTL Starek, a 34-year-old Austrian who helped both Bayern Munich and 1.F.C. Nürnberg to the Championship in the Bundesliga in his time, is reckoned to be the most suspended player in Europe. He began with a one match ban in 1959 and "watched" for two games in 1978-79. The year 1970 was his worst year with ten games and totalled 42 altogether. He was not a dirty player, just liked arguing with referees!

SEVILLA'S top scorer, Hector 'Gringo' Scotta, has been suspended for the third time this season following yet another argument with club manager Luis Carriaga. Many fans feel that the Argentinian striker is deliberately trying to be unpopular, so that the Sevilla directors will agree to his transfer to Boca Juniors at the end of the season.

● The players of Latem and Racing Tournai were warming-up before a Belgian Fourth Division match when the ball landed in a nearby garden. Racing's goalkeeper went to collect it and was bitten by a dog. The player had to be replaced and Racing, with an inexperienced goalie, lost 4-0 and their hopes of promotion.

Tragedy after game

IN ARGENTINA, Platense goalkeeper, Norberto Daniele, was the star of the League tail-enders' shock 0-0 away draw with star-studded River Plate. Daniele was so busy that he didn't even notice a loud-speaker announcement calling for a doctor. At the end of the match, the Platense players were celebrating their first away point of the season when the referee told Daniele that his father had died of a heart-attack in the stand.



● With Mönchengladbach coach Udo Lattek (above) moving on, Borussia have signed former left-wing star Jozef 'Jupp' Heynckes, Lattek's assistant on a three-year contract.

PERUGIA made history in Italy by playing right through the League campaign unbeaten (they finished second), but they also established another record. They had ten men sent-off during the season, beating the previous record (nine), held by Atalanta of Bergamo since 1937-38.

WORLDWIDE

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Scandal in Peru

PERU may have made some sort of an impact in the 1978 World Cup (seen right beating Scotland 3-1 in Cordoba), but a year later the domestic scene is in a poor way. Their representatives in the Copa Libertadores — South America's equivalent of the European Cup — were knocked out straight away and while it doesn't take many people to fill the Peruvian stadiums... they're usually empty, anyway.

With the cost of living going up, many people just can't afford the increased prices of admission and those who can don't consider they're getting their moneys worth.

Many of the best players have left the country and aren't likely to come back because of low wages. Clubs want sponsorship, but Aeroperu, the national airline company, advertises with Argentinian club Quilmes!

There has been a scandal, too, which has rocked the country. Peru finished sixth in the eight-country South American Under-18's Championship. However, Chile, who finished fifth (and therefore qualified for the Finals of the Panamerican Games), were disqualified when it was discovered some of their players were over 18.

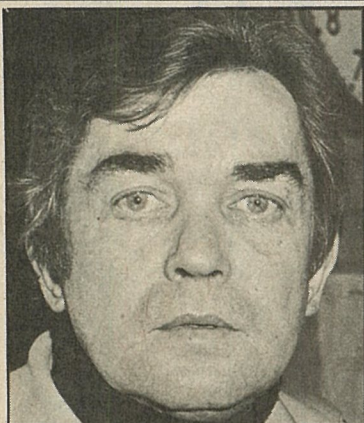
Peru and Colombia were to play-off to see which took Chile's place, but it turned out that half the Peruvian team were over-age, too. Five of the players plus manager Jose Chiarella and the president of the Peruvian F.A. (not to mention officials from the department which handled the so-called birth certificates) were arrested.



IN DREAMS...

A BRAZILIAN journalist who works for *O Globo* claims he has evidence that the Cosmos were not the only team to pay for Pelé to come to the United States. According to the reporter, the biggest American clubs got together and decided to import a big star to attract people's attention.

They chose Pelé and as Cosmos weren't able to find all the money necessary to sign the player, other clubs helped out.



AS I've often mentioned, Buenos Aires' richest club, River Plate, are plagued with internal disputes every year without fail. I've already reported on the extreme case of World Cup goalkeeper Pato Fillol, whose bitter dispute about cash almost brought his career to a premature end.

River's latest conflict is with Uruguayan midfielder Carrasco, bought from Nacional for £250,000 (big money over there) at the start of the season. The 22-year-old Uruguayan international hasn't settled in Buenos Aires; can't find a flat; doesn't speak to his team-mates; and every time he's substituted he packs his bags in a sulk and heads for Montevideo!

Apart from that, he's adapting quite well...

Names in the News

ERNST HAPPEL (above), Holland's 1978 World Cup manager, has signed a contract with Belgian club Standard Liege.

PAL CSERNAI, manager of Bayern Munich, will stay for at least two more years.

Italian referee CARMONE CLUNG was still in a coma a week after being attacked at an amateur game.

ALLAN SIMONSEN, who is leaving Borussia Mönchengladbach for Barcelona, will have a four-week holiday in Majorca, living with a Spanish teacher.

GIANNI RIVERA of AC Milan (Italian Champions) has played his 500th League game; he had the ball in the net during the match, but the goal was disallowed.

Hamburger SV general manager GÜNTER NETZER would like

BERTI VOGTS of Borussia Mönchengladbach as HSV's assistant-coach. Apparently, Berti is keen to link up with his former team-mate.

Swedish star RALF EDSTROM has proved himself to be fully fit again and could play against England.

The new national team-manager of Chile is LUIS SANTIBANEZ.

Hungary manager FERENC KOVACS has capped 28 different players in nine games, but still doesn't have a settled team and they are unlikely to qualify for the Finals of the European Championship next summer.

BERND HOLZENBEIN of Eintracht Frankfurt is thinking over a "tremendous" offer from a Saudi Arabian club.

FOR the European Cup Final in Munich, U.E.F.A. pulled in almost a £1 million (a new record) in ticket sales and T.V. rights for Nottm. Forest v. Malmö.

AFTER a recent home defeat, Indonesia's national team players suggested to their F.A. that things could be improved if they were offered a bonus of 2,000 US dollars a man to win. The response of F.A. president, Mr. Pandelaki, was to suspend six players for life.

THE first five rounds of the League in Russia brought in more than one million spectators, and the top scorer so far is Jurij Cernokov of CSKA Moscow with eight from six games.

THE two Germanies continue to extend sporting relations with more across-the-frontier games. Eintracht Braunschweig beat new Cup holders Magdeburg 4-2 and Hertha BSC lost 0-1 at home to Dynamo Dresden, who are second in the DDR league.

THERE was a remarkable turn-around when Winterslag met Berchem in Belgium. At half-time Winterslag led 3-0, but after the break the visitors scored five times to win 5-3.

YUGOSLAV international defender Ivan Buljan (29) has signed a contract with Hamburger SV for a further year.

FORMER Brazilian international Valdimiro has never been cautioned or sent-off in his career, but he has been disciplined by his club and the Rio Grande do Sul F.A. for criticising the decision to postpone a recent game!

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This week's Star Letter comes from Joan Marsland of Wilmslow in Cheshire, who wins our Special Prize of £3. She writes:

BOOK TO BLAME

YOUR letter from David Henrys was NOT the opinion of all Manchester City fans. Asa Hartford was easily our best player last season and was elected Player of the Year by a large majority. Peter Barnes changed his mind and asked to stay at Maine Road, but to no avail.

Asa wants to leave because of the boring playing system devised since coach Bill Taylor was made the scapegoat for Tony Book and ousted by Malcolm Allison.

The reason City haven't done anything is Book's bad management — his team selections were often wrong, such as playing Paul Power at full-back.

Asa and Gary Owen did twice their work in midfield covering up for this failing. I can't see a bright future for City without Hartford, Owen and Barnes — it's time Book and Allison got the boot. Book had the best squad in quantity and quality next to Liverpool, but couldn't manage it. Why should he do any better next time round with lesser players?

He was willing to pay £750,000 for Mike Flanagan, a player who hadn't proved himself in Division One. Crazy.

Book threw away our chances in Europe by not playing Deyna, our most experienced star. In fact, more experienced than Book. Fans and players alike thought this was the chief reason we went out of the U.E.F.A. Cup.

I can understand City fans being upset at their club's failure considering the players they have. As I said before, I expect even more activity at Maine Road in the not too distant future.

Professional Foul

DURING the European Cup-Winners' Cup Final, Barcelona defender Migueli brought down Fortuna's Klaus Allofs with a so-called professional foul. Jack Charlton said the tackle was necessary; surely if a manager says this sort of thing, the game will never be free of this type of foul?

BRIAN LEWIS, WIDNES.

The referee — Palotai — is one of the most timid I've seen in recent years and didn't show the yellow card enough as the Spaniards continually body-checked. The UNprofessional foul is, sadly, part of football, but immediate punishment may, just may, force players to think twice before making such an unsporting gesture.

Same Game?

I WATCHED Northern Ireland/England on ITV and it was uninteresting, a fact borne out by the comments of Danny Blanchflower and Ron Greenwood afterwards. Later, on BBC, I saw the game again and careful editing made the match (to quote Kevin Keegan) "brilliant".

A. LLEWELLYN, BILLINGHAM.

You must be a glutton for punishment watching it twice! It isn't in anyone's interest to show a boring game, but shrewd editing can distort a match and make it appear much better than it really was. And the game in Belfast was poor.

An Offer

IN the Focus on Mike Thomas, the Manchester United winger said that he wasn't married, but was "open to offers".

Well, I'd like to offer my sister. She's 22, single and a football fanatic. More important, if she was married I could have my own bedroom instead of sharing with my brother.

GREGORY MEAD, HORNCHURCH.

You're young to be a match-maker!

Way Out Doc

DID Gordon Hill know something we didn't? His May 12th column was headlined: "Are Soccer Managers On Their Way Out?" The next week Tommy Docherty was indeed on his way out... of the Baseball Ground to Q.P.R.!

ANDREW LEWEY, ROCHESTER.

The Doc has been continually on his way out of clubs throughout his career. As he says himself, he's had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus!

Incredible Joe

AFTER reading a recent issue of SHOOT, I showed a picture of Joe Jordan to a three-year-old boy and anxious that he should learn about Manchester United, asked him who the player was.

After looking at the photo of Joe, with arms aloft and toothless grin, the lad said: "The Incredible Hulk!" Not bad for a toddler!

NIGEL MILLNER, OAKHAM.

The Incredible Hulk's good in the clinches, not so strong in the air.

Pen-Pal

I'M a 17-year-old French boy and I'd like to exchange opinions, photos and pennants with an English boy.

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STEVE Wicks seemed to have jumped out of the frying pan into the fire when he joined Derby in a £275,000 transfer from struggling Chelsea at the start of the New Year.

For Derby hit a depressing run of form to go sliding down the First Division and for a time there was a real threat that they would be relegated, along with Chelsea.

But The Rams, led by the colourful and controversial Tommy Docherty, managed to survive and now Wicks is convinced the future is bright for them.

"We are only a couple of players short of being a really good side and if we get them I'm absolutely convinced we will do well next season," declares 22-year-old Wicks in a message of hope to all Derby supporters.

"Most teams who find them-

"Many of those could quite easily have gone the other way to give us a few points that would have meant a respectable League place, with no pressure on us.

"But towards the end of the season we began to field a settled side and looked useful. So useful that I'm sure Derby can look forward to better times.

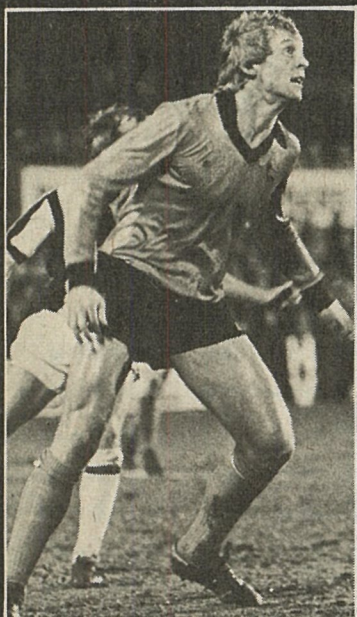
"There's been a massive upheaval at the Baseball Ground in the last couple of years or so and it will take a time to get things right.

"Tommy Docherty may have his critics but I believe he has done a great job for this club in difficult circumstances.

"In his typical style he was not afraid to throw in youngsters and this club now have some of the most promising kids in the game.

"I would never have a bad word said about the Doc. He had the

'DOCHERTY DID A GREAT JOB AT DERBY' - Steve Wicks



selves struggling claim they are in a false position, and that was most certainly the case with Derby last season.

"We were definitely not as bad as our League position suggested. If you look at the talent in our side and compare it with some others in the First Division a more realistic spot for us would have been in the top half of the table.

"But, as so often happens when you are near the bottom, you get none of the breaks. After I joined the club we lost 11 games by the odd goal!

courage to go out and pay a lot of money for me and really looked after me up to the time he left. It is with much sadness we see him depart to Queens Park Rangers.

"A lot of people questioned the wisdom of my move with Derby sliding into the danger zone. But I never doubted for a minute that I had done the right thing.

"Even though results were not going for us I felt I was doing well and there is no question that my game has improved a lot in the short time I have been here.

"Roy McFarland, one of the best centre-halves this country has ever produced, has had a lot to do with that.

"He is a great player and if you can't learn from someone of his class then you will never learn from anyone.

"Unfortunately Roy has had more than his share of injuries over the years and he deserves a clear run now.

"With him in the side, and winger Gordon Hill to come back as well, we have every reason to feel optimistic about the future.

"Derby fans are used to success, they deserve success and we are as sick as them about last term's disappointments.

"But I can promise them better things next season. As far as I'm concerned August can't come quickly enough.

"I have NEVER looked forward to the start of a season so much. Our target is to clinch a place in Europe, and given a share of the breaks I see no reason why we should not get it."

BURNLEY'S 'YOUNG LIONS' HOLD KEY TO SUCCESS



STEVE Kindon, Burnley's big, bustling striker, used to be firmly in favour of an official winter break in the Football League programme.

But after what happened to him and his team last winter, he's by no means sure any longer.

"We were riding high with the rest of the Second Division pacesetters around Christmas time," Steve says. "And I really felt that if we could maintain the good form we'd shown up till then, promotion back to the First Division was a distinct possibility for us.

"But then came the snow and ice, and we were particularly badly hit by postponed games. We didn't play competitively at all for several weeks. And although we trained as hard as usual, there's nothing like real match practice for putting an edge on your game.

"Then, when we did eventually get back into action, we found ourselves facing a backlog of matches, and ended up playing six times in 14 days.

"That included three Cup-ties. But we only took one point from our three League games during that period, and that effectively killed-off any hope we had of making a serious promotion challenge."

Steve was also very disappointed with the dip in his own form after the enforced break.

"I was quite pleased with the way I'd been playing up till then," he said. "Unfortunately, I hadn't been scoring anywhere near as many League goals as I would have liked. But I thought I was contributing my fair share to the team in other ways.

"But then came the break, and I began to feel listless with the inactivity. Followed by the complete extreme of that hectic fortnight — and I just blew up.

"My game's built on forceful running, and generally all-round strength. I like to hustle and bustle my way around up front, putting defenders under pressure. But that burst of activity seemed to drain me completely, and afterwards I was nowhere as effective as I ought to have been.

"Now I'm looking to fully recharge my batteries during the summer and hope to be raring to go for the start of next season."

Steve is one of the game's great jokers. A master of the witty reply, as anyone who knows him will testify. But he was deadly serious when he told us he's hoping that next season might be the one when Burnley make it back to the top flight.

"This game is all about learning," he said. "Every year you're in it you learn something new.

"You don't win much with inexperience, that's for sure. We've got several promising youngsters in our side who ought to have learnt a considerable amount about football's facts of life last season. And if they've been educated enough — yes, I would back us for promotion.

"Blood 'em young, that's always been the Burnley motto. By doing that, if you can succeed in putting an old head on young shoulders then you're halfway there."

Kindon has had no regrets about rejoining Burnley, the club where he first made a name for himself, even though it meant dropping down a Division.

"I spent five years with Wolverhampton Wanderers, but when the opportunity arose the season before last, to come back here, I jumped at the chance.

"My wife was born in the town, and her parents still live a couple of hundred yards away from the ground. So obviously she was all in favour of returning.

"I never really felt part of the set up during the time I was at Molineux. Initially, I was bought to replace Derek Dougan, who was due to retire. But he decided to carry on for another 18 months after I arrived, which meant, more often than not, I was kept waiting in the wings.

"The Doog was a tremendous favourite with the crowd, and although I think they realised I was doing my best, stepping into his shoes was an impossible task.

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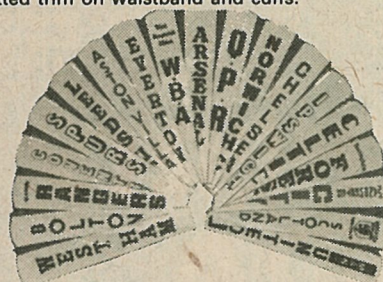
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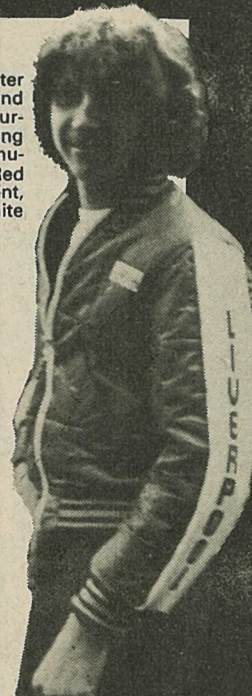
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THROUGH HECTIC RUN-INS, THEY STEERED THEIR CLUBS TO PROMOTION...



Graham Taylor
(manager of Watford) —
‘Some people wanted to
see us fail’

ALL eyes will be on Watford as they kick-off next season in the Second Division.

They have achieved that status for only the second time in their history after zooming through the Third and Fourth Divisions in successive seasons.

Last time they were up there they lasted just three years, before sliding back to the Third in 1972.

This time they intend to use it as a launching pad for a place in the First Division. And it would be a brave man who would back against them doing it.

For everyone at Watford is absolutely burning with ambition to take the club to the top — from millionaire pop star chairman Elton John to the newest apprentice.

The job of revolutionising homely Watford was given to Graham Taylor two seasons ago.

Elton John went for Taylor, one of the game's outstanding young managers, after being impressed with the task he had achieved at Lincoln.

Taylor said “no” to the first approach. But when Watford persisted he decided to take a five-year contract with them.

So, a man who rejected the chance to move into the First Division with West Bromwich Albion, decided to drop into the Fourth. Why did he do it?

“West Bromwich wanted me to go into the First Division on their terms and that did not suit me,” explains Taylor. “I’m as ambitious to get to the top as anybody, but when I do get there it will be on at least equal terms.”

“Elton John spelled out to me exactly what he wanted for Watford Football Club, exactly where he wanted them to go. I was impressed with his genuine love for the club and quickly realised that here was a man I could work with.”

“I asked for certain things before I accepted the job and Elton was happy to go along with my suggestions.”

“They included the appointment

of Bertie Mee as assistant manager and Eddie Plumley as chief executive.

“In their own field these are two of the most successful men in the history of the game and they are the type I must have at Watford if I am to reach targets I have set for myself.”

“When Watford reached the Second Division before they did not have the set-up to sustain it. I intend to make sure that does not happen again.”

Taylor has brought about an incredible transformation in his two years at Watford and the bold moves he has made should be applauded throughout the game.

But they are not. A lot of rivals, clearly jealous of the club's startling progress, would be happy to see all their plans explode in their faces.

“I know some people wanted to see us fail and that’s a tragedy,” says Taylor. “I would be the first to congratulate anyone trying to improve a club, but, obviously, everyone does not feel the same as me.”

A lot of the animosity towards Watford is because of their reputation as big-spenders and critics clearly think chairman John is dipping into his considerable personal fortune to give Taylor all the money he needs.

Yet nothing could be farther from the truth. Although Watford has become the love of the chairman's life, he is a business-like boss and wants to know exactly where every penny is going.

Record Buy

He contributed nothing towards the £200,000 needed to bust the club record for centre-half Steve Sims, formerly a Leicester player.

Taylor used the £92,000 Watford made from their run to the Semi-Final of the League Cup last season — they beat Newcastle, Manchester United and Stoke before falling to Forest — to set-up that deal.

And the £80,000 he got from selling Alan Mayes to Swindon and he was left with less than £30,000 to find to pay for Sims.

Suggestions he has unlimited money to splash about annoy Taylor. So he is quick to put forward this breakdown to set the record straight.

Two things concern Taylor in Watford's soaraway success of the past two years.

He knows Watford's humble Vicarage Road ground can never provide an adequate stage for First Division football. A move elsewhere has been freely discussed.

Taylor is worried also that Watford could be setting standards they will not be able to maintain.

“We’ve been under constant pressure since I’ve been here. But that must ease now. Surely we won’t be expected to win promotion again next season,” he says.

We doubt if they will be, although we expect them to finish in the top half of the table.

THE most puzzling aspect of Stoke City's return to the First Division is manager Alan Durban's unexpectedly calm reaction to the highlight of his brief managerial career.

The intense young Welshman, who found success as a player with Derby County and Wales and as a manager with Shrewsbury Town before Stoke, stood stony-faced at the back of Notts County's little Press box while all around him was bedlam.

Thousands of Stoke supporters invaded County's main stand at the end of that memorable 1-0 victory at Meadow Lane. But Durban blinked, heaved a sigh of relief and muttered: “How do I feel? Like a holiday in Spain with my family, that's how. That is my next thought and my next target.”

Totally out of character with the traditional champagne guzzling, gibbering, over-emotional “winner”, Durban expressed all his delight inside a matter of 30 seconds. When the whistle signalled full-time and Stoke's massive contingent in the 21,000 crowd spilled on to the pitch, Durban leapt into the arms of left-back Geoff Scott. But that one gesture was enough.

Applauding his players, he also encouraged them to sprint for the safety of the dressing-room, by which time he had composed himself to face the world.

“The lessons I have learned in life have taught me never to be too disappointed when I fail, nor too excited when I succeed. So I won't be making any foolish predictions about next season.”

“It was a difficult promotion race, tight, always close and tremendously competitive up to the very last minute of the season.”

“We came to County thinking a draw was enough to take us up. So despite playing badly in the opening 20 minutes before slowly pulling ourselves together, we were not worried the way things were going.”

“Then I heard that Sunderland had gone from 0-1 down to 2-1 up at Wrexham inside the last 12

minutes. We had two minutes left and suddenly I realised that we would not go up after all if we only drew.”

“So I raced down to the touch-line bench. A player was being treated for a knock, so I had time to communicate the news to the lads. But even as I was doing so, I had a sinking feeling as time ticked away.”

“So imagine how I felt when Paul Richardson headed the winner in the 88th minute. Wouldn't you jump off your bench?”

Durban is cautious when discussing his plans for Stoke's return to the First Division next season after two years in the Second.

“My first thought is of how we achieved promotion. Ironically we did not always play as well as we should have on our own ground. In fact some of our home results were poor, and contributed largely to the last-match pressures we had to endure.”

“But when you look at our record away, we always gave professional displays. When the pressure was really on, as it was against Notts County, we had the experience and calibre in the right places.”

“Signing Mike Doyle from Manchester City was a decisive move. His central partnership with Denis Smith gave us one of the best defences in the Division.”

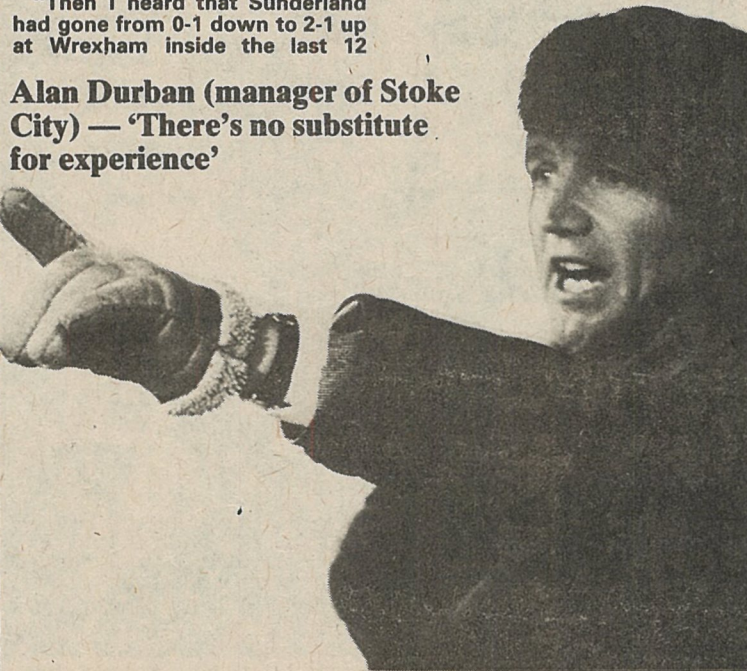
“Howard Kendall gave us stability in midfield and made sure the younger players kept their heads.”

“There is no substitute for experience. And I will consider this when I get around to thinking about next season.”

“Of course we need to strengthen our squad. But then every manager looks for good players whenever he can. That is something that doesn't just happen when you win promotion.”

“But for the moment, I believe that we have earned that trip to Spain. I am proud of the players and delighted for the club.”

Alan Durban (manager of Stoke City) — ‘There's no substitute for experience’



BEFORE last season began we predicted which clubs were most likely to succeed or fail in Scottish football. Now we tot up our "score" . . .

BEFORE a ball was kicked in Glasgow in Scotland last season SHOOT indulged in that exceptionally precarious and thankless task of making predictions.

Things can always go terribly wrong over the lengthy period of a season and forecasts can be incredibly inaccurate when the final whistle blows on yet another hectic, frantic programme.

SHOOT, never afraid to speak our mind, said Celtic would have to buy at least two or three players if they were to have any chance of winning the Premier Division title. What happened? Manager Billy McNeill bought three — Davie Provan (£125,000 from Kilmarnock), Murdo MacLeod (£100,000 from Dumbarton) and Vic Davidson (£30,000 from Blackpool) — and Celtic were crowned Champions in an electrifying climax to the season when they defeated their arch rivals Rangers at Parkhead last month.

We also said Hearts would be relegated. Tynecastle fans obviously didn't agree at the time, but, alas, our forecast was spot on when the once-mighty Edinburgh side slid out of the Top Ten. We thought Partick Thistle might struggle, too, but the other relegation place was taken by Mother-

well who had a nightmare term with very little going right.

In the First Division we said it would be third time lucky for Dundee and they would be promoted. Tommy Gemmell's men duly won the Championship. We also took

Ayr United, relegated a season ago, to come bouncing back up, but we didn't foresee the problems they would have on and off the field. For a start, they went through three managers in Alex Stuart, Ally MacLeod and current boss Willie McLean!

Even so the plucky part-timers from Somerset Park did make a late rally and came fairly close, but the second place was booked by near-neighbours Kilmarnock and it will be good to see the Rugby Park men back in the Premier Division where their skills will be appreciated.

In the Second Division we tipped Dunfermline and Berwick Rangers to climb into the First . . . and we got that right, too. The title, in fact, went to Davie Smith's Berwick.

Well, that's another domestic season completed for another year and it's time to look back on the amazing happenings North of the border. The biggest shock of all, of course, was Celtic's surge from nowhere to win the title.

Manager McNeill must have been surprised his young team, in a period of transition, started to string some great results together as they put pressure on former Champions Rangers and Dundee United, the team who climbed to the top near the end.

Captain Danny McGrain returned to the top team for the first time in over a year on March 3 for a League match against Aberdeen at Parkhead. It was a crucial game for the Celts. Before the kick-off that day they had gone through a disastrous period when they dropped 15 points out of a possible 22.

Celtic were struggling to regain the rhythm that made them such an exciting, entertaining, swash-buckling team only a couple of seasons before. McGrain brought his fierce determination back into

the side against Aberdeen and the Parkhead team picked up two valuable points in a 1-0 victory.

Ironically, the goal that day was scored by Alfie Conn, who ended the season as a free agent after McNeill had decided to release the former Rangers and Spurs international. However, it was the start of something good for Celtic.

There were 17 League games still to go after the victory over The Dons and Celtic went on to take 27 points out of a possible 34. It was the sort of run for the final post that makes Champions.

They clinched the title in the spectacle that has now been called "Match of the Decade". They clashed with Rangers at Parkhead and were trailing 1-0 at half-time when that terrier of a player Alex

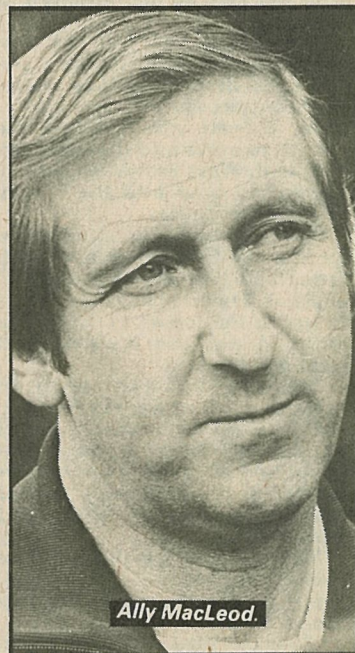
DIDN'T SHOOT'S CRYSTAL BALL DO WELL!



Rangers players celebrate their winning goal against Aberdeen in the League Cup Final.



Murdo MacLeod (right) helped Celtic to the Premier Division Championship.



Ally MacLeod.

MacDonald scored in the ninth minute.

There was another shock in store for McNeill's men ten minutes into the second-half when Johnny Doyle was sensationally ordered off! Celtic could have slumped then and there, but they dragged themselves back into the match with superhuman effort.

The game exploded when Roy Aitken forced in an equaliser and then George McCluskey, growing in stature game by game nearing the end of the season, fired in an unstoppable effort from long range over Peter McCloy's shoulder.

The Celtic fans in the 52,000 crowd were still celebrating when Rangers equalised within two minutes through Bobby Russell.

"We had just climbed a mountain," said McNeill, "when my team realised there was another one to face. I'm proud of every single player at the way they responded. They were tremendous."

And so they were. Eight minutes from the end of this spectacular, Peter McCloy pushed out a shot from McCluskey and the ball struck Ibrox centre-half Colin Jackson and rebounded over the line. It was fantastic stuff and the curtain was brought down on a match of breathless excitement when Murdo MacLeod raced on to a long ball and simply walloped a thunderous left foot shot high into the net.

Bigger pool

McNeill, sensibly, realises there is still an awful lot in front of his young team.

"It's no reflection on the players I have here, but I'll be trying to strengthen my squad," says the Celtic boss. "Now we have to be examined in the European Cup and we will need a bigger pool."

"Obviously I need a striker, a player who will score 25 goals."

"Our left-back Andy Lynch was second-top goalscorer. I want to bring on my own players here, but we can do with some additions."

McNeill has made a tremendous impression on Celtic in his first season as manager. The Parkhead side were an ailing giant last year as they tottered from defeat to defeat in a most un-Celtic-like manner.

They finished that season in fifth place and didn't book a trip to Europe for the first time in 15 years. Strangely, they managed to score more goals than they did in the season just completed! They netted 63 in their League matches, but lost 54. They conceded only 37 last time out. They won 21 games last season compared to the 15 the previous year.

So, step forward Billy McNeill and his talented youngsters and take a bow. They won the Championship against all the odds.

Celtic also got over the blow of losing regular centre-back Roddie MacDonald with just over half of the season still to go. Johannes Edvaldsson, who had a great season, stepped in to play in the middle of the rearguard alongside the adaptable Roy Aitken, but McNeill produced another trump card on the run-in.

Hearts goalkeeper Ray Dunlop clears this Partick Thistle attack.



Tom McAdam, who had struggled up-front, moved into the number five role with Edvaldsson taking over as sweeper, releasing Aitken into a midfield position.

John Greig, too, must take a bow. The pressure on him this season was enormous. He had taken over from Jock Wallace who had guided the team to a domestic treble the previous term.

Greig accepted the challenge and his promise as a manager is mammoth. He brought a change to the Rangers pattern and although they lost their title they made a brilliant impression in Europe where Greig's tactics outfoxed Juventus and PSV Eindhoven

before Cologne beat them 2-1 on aggregate in the European Cup Quarter-Final.

Dignified

A last-minute goal from Colin Jackson gave Greig his first major trophy as a manager when Rangers beat Aberdeen 2-1 in the League Cup Final. As always, he accepted the honour in a dignified manner.

Motherwell and Hearts, managed by former international bosses Ally MacLeod and Willie Ormond, were swept away on a tidal wave of mediocrity into the First Division. Both managers have their work cut out for next season.

Dundee started to slide at one stage in the season and boss Tommy Gemmell must have thought the recurring nightmare was about to begin again. In the two previous years the Dens Park men had come so close, but been pipped on the post.

Gemmell's glory boys, however, clinched the First Division title against Ayr United in an evening of dramatic action at Dens Park. Dundee were trailing, but still came back to get the point they needed for the Championship with Ian Redford hitting the precious goal.

And it's welcome back, too, for Kilmarnock, one of the most attack-minded teams in Scotland. Manager Davie Sneddon worked hard throughout the season to rebuild a side that had been ravaged by transfers with players such as Davie Provan (Celtic), Jim Stewart (Middlesbrough), Iain McCulloch (Notts County) and Gordon Smith (Rangers) moving on.

In the Second Division, Dunfermline, Berwick Rangers and Falkirk battled out a three club race com-

ing to the conclusion of the season. Berwick booked the title and left both Dunfermline and Falkirk to battle it out for the second place.

Ironically, the way things turned out, Dunfermline and Falkirk both played their last game of the season against each other at East End Park! It ended in a draw... and that was enough to push The Fifers into the First Division.

On the international front there were all sorts of happenings after the colossal flop in the World Cup Finals in Argentina. It looked as though Ally MacLeod would get the chop, but, remarkably, he was given a vote of confidence by the SFA.

He managed the team against Austria in Vienna in the European Championship and they lost 3-2. Shortly afterwards Ally resigned to take over Ayr United. He stayed there only a matter of weeks before travelling on to Motherwell. Now, of course, he is back in the First Division.

Jock Stein came in to take over the running of the international team and a crowd of 65,000 turned up to watch the big man's return to the Scottish hot seat — remember, he had a short spell in charge in '65 — and they saw their favourites just pip Norway 3-2 in another European Championship match.

Scotland lost 1-0 in Portugal in the same tourney before Stein took his men into the British Championship. And what a shock there was at the start with Wales walloping the Scots 3-0 at Cardiff!

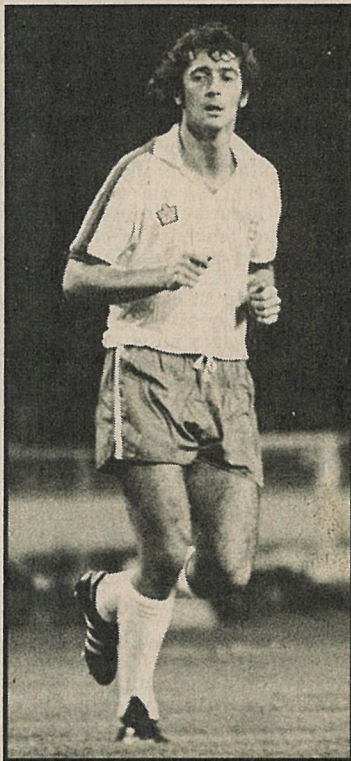
We'll be putting the crystal ball away for the close season. We hope it's still in good working order when we gaze into it before the start of the next campaign...



Tommy Gemmell.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

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9. Gerry Francis (below, left) was transferred from Queens Park Rangers to Crystal Palace for an estimated £450,000, £550,000 or £650,000?

10. West Bromwich Albion midfielder Len Cantello was also on the move recently. He joined which First Division club for around £350,000?

11. Can you name the clubs that finished bottom last season of (a) First, (b) Second, (c) Third, (d) Fourth and (e) Scottish Premier Divisions?

12. Borussia Monchengladbach won the U.E.F.A. Cup when they beat Red Star of Belgrade 1-0 in West Germany and 2-1 on aggregate. Allan Simonsen scored the only goal in the second-leg. Was it with a right-foot shot, a header or a penalty?

13. England's Youth team beat Czechoslovakia 1-0, 2-0 or 3-0 in their opening European Youth Cup game?

14. Who finished top League scorers in the respective Four Divisions of the Football League?

15. Can you indentify the four play-



ers facing the camera pictured during this year's F.A. Cup Final between Arsenal and Manchester United at Wembley?

20. Who scored England's three goals against Scotland?

4. Orient 2. Geoff Hurst, 3, 2-0.
5. Rangers 5, 3-1 to West Ger-
many, 6. false - Rochdale did
not apply for re-election, Dar-
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Kevin Keegan, 9. £450,000, 10.
Bolton, 11. (a) Chelsea, (b)
Blackburn, (c) Lincoln, (d)
Crewe, (e) Motherwell, 12. Pen-
alty, 13. 2-0, 14. First, Frank
Worthington (Bolton), Second,
Bryan Robson (West Ham),
third, Ross Jenkins (Watford),
Fourth, John Dugganworth
(Aldershot), 15. Arsenal's Brian
Talbot (on the ball) challenged
by United's Sammy Milroy,
Arsenal's Alan Sunderland
(right) and Jimmy Nicholl of
United look on, 16. John
Ostach, 17. 2-0, 18. It was a
record for England v. Wales in
the British Championship, 19.
Wales, 20. Peter Barnes, Steve
Coppell and Kevin Keegan.

The British Championship games were played recently. See if you can answer the following questions about the tournament.

16. Wales made a tremendous start when they completely overwhelmed Scotland and beat them 3-0. Who was the Welsh hero who scored all three goals?

17. Northern Ireland played England in Belfast. Ron Greenwood's men won 2-0 . . . what was the half-time score?

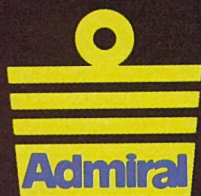
18. What was significant about the 70,220 gate for England's game against Wales at Wembley?

19. Which country finished runners-up in the Championship?

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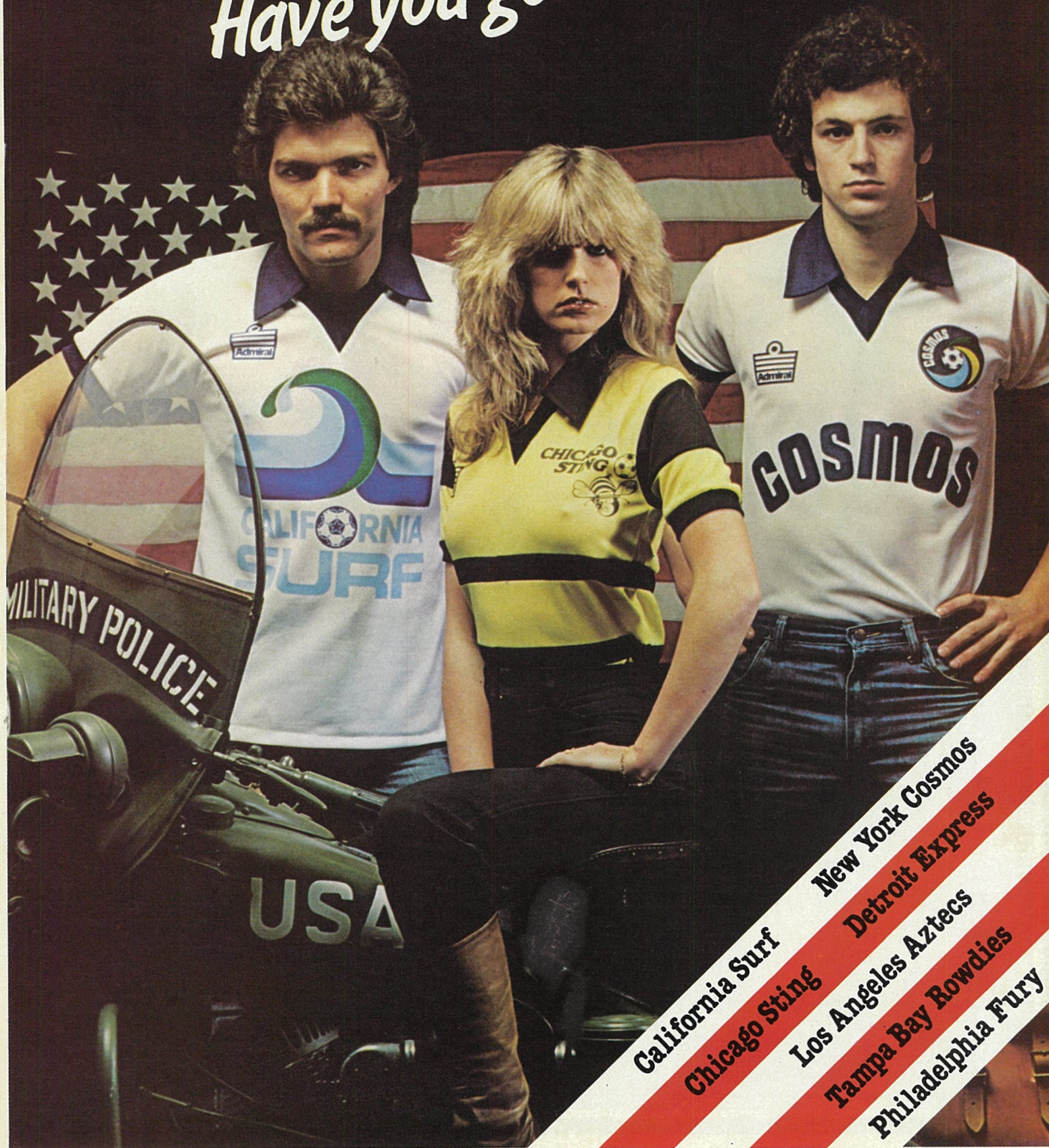
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